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# Environmental Statement





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# Ethical packaging doesn't have to cost the earth.

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As a packaging manufacturer and carton board packaging printer, we recognise that all operations within our company have an effect on the local, regional and global environment.

As a company, we aim to provide our customers with quality packaging, an efficient and reliable service, whilst maintaining strong environmental practices.

When you work with Priory Press Packaging, you can be assured that we aim to be environmentally friendly in all aspects of producing and manufacturing your packaging in order to minimise any adverse environmental effects caused as a result of our activities.

We've adapted our processes and packaging to be environmentally friendly, not just because it's a necessity for some of our customers, but an amenity to *all* of our customers.





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# Environmental Policy

Priory Press Packaging is committed to leading the industry in minimising the impact of its activities on the environment.

**The key points of our strategy to achieve this are:**

- **Minimise waste** by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible.
- **Minimise toxic emissions** through the selection and use of our fleet and the source of our power equipment.
- **Actively promote recycling** both internally and amongst our customers and suppliers.
- **Source and promote** a product range to minimise the environmental impact of both production and distribution.
- **Meet or exceed** all the environmental legislation that relates to the nature of our company.
- **Commitment to continually improve** and monitor environmental performance.



# Certifications

We're continually seeking to evolve with the ever-changing demands of sustainable packaging. That's why it was important to secure one of the highest grades of BRCGS High Hygiene (AA) in 2018 and to secure FSC® and PEFC certifications in 2019.

Our BRCGS certification allows us to print packaging which is suitable for direct food contact. It's a global food product safety standard and legislative requirement. FSC® and PEFC are programmes that are dedicated to promoting and practicing sustainable forest management.

They allow our customers to show corporate responsibility for their packaging to the consumer. You can see our certifications overleaf.



# CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

This is to certify that

## Priory Press Packaging Ltd

Unit 11 Greenway  
Conlig  
County Down  
BT23 7SU

Having been audited, meets the requirements set out in the

### BRC Global Standard for Packaging & Packaging Materials (Issue 5, July 2015)

<b>Grade achieved:</b>	AA
<b>Scope of activities:</b>	The design, lithographic printing and conversion (guillotine, foil blocking, folding and gluing, die cutting, window patching and lamination) of paper board and flexible plastic into sleeves and cartons for food and non-food use, including storage and dispatch activities carried out at 21A Enterprise Road, Bangor.
<b>Exclusions:</b>	None
<b>Voluntary modules:</b>	None
<b>Hygiene Category:</b>	High hygiene
<b>Product categories:</b>	2 - Paper making and conversion 5 - Flexible plastic manufacture 7 - Print processes
<b>Audit programme:</b>	Announced
<b>BRC site code:</b>	3875190
<b>Date(s) of audit:</b>	28 and 29 November 2018
<b>Certificate issue date:</b>	2 January 2019
<b>Re-audit due date:</b>	3 November 2019 to 1 December 2019
<b>Certificate expiry date:</b>	12 January 2020
<b>Auditor number:</b>	261002
<b>Certificate reference:</b>	0196-P

Authorised by

**Joyce Knight**  
Managing Director



UK Food Certification, Winnington Hall, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4DU

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The mark of responsible forestry



# Certificate of Registration

## Priority Press Packaging Ltd.

"the certified site" has been certified in accordance with the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Council A.C. using the FSC Chain of Custody standards\* and that Priority Press Packaging Ltd. of

**11 Greenway, Conlig, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 7SU, UNITED KINGDOM**

is hereby licensed to use the FSC Logo on and sell as FSC certified all products listed on the attached FSC product schedule as **FSC Mix;FSC 100%;FSC Recycled**

**Certificate Registration**

**007379**

Issue Number 1.0

**Licence Code:**

**C152648**

Soil Association Certification Limited  
Spear House, 51 Victoria Street  
Bristol, BS1 6AD  
United Kingdom

**Valid until the Renewal**

**1 November 2019**  
**31 October 2024**

Subject to successful annual surveillance

**Signed on behalf of Soil Association Certification**

**Kevin Jones, Head of Forestry**

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\*This certificate is only valid for sale of FSC products when accompanied by a current product schedule. Validity of this certificate shall also be verified by checking the FSC database: [info.fsc.org](http://info.fsc.org) or by contacting Soil Association Certification: [forestry@soilassociation.org](mailto:forestry@soilassociation.org). This Certificate is the property of Soil Association Certification Ltd and all copies or reproductions of the certificate shall be destroyed or returned to the Soil Association Certification Ltd immediately, on request.

A description of the products, sites or services that are included in the scope of the certificate may be obtained from Soil Association Certification on request.

This certificate itself does not constitute evidence that a particular product supplied by the certificate holder is FSC certified (or FSC controlled wood). Products offered, shipped or sold by the certificate holder can only be considered covered by the scope of this certificate when the required FSC claim is clearly stated on invoices and shipping documents.



## FSC® Product Schedule



This schedule details the products which are included in the scope of the Company's certification. It shall accompany the FSC certificate. If the product scope changes a new schedule will be issued. Certificate scope including products and certified sites may also be checked on the FSC database <http://info.fsc.org/>

### Description of Certificate Holder

Name: Priory Press Packaging Ltd.  
Address: 11 Greenway, Conlig, Newtownards, Co. Down , BT23 7SU, Northern Ireland

Code/s: SA-COC-007379  
Type of Certificate: Single  
Date of Issue: 01/11/2019 Date of Expiry: 31/10/2024

The Company has complied with the following standard/s: FSC-STD-40-004 V3-0, FSC-STD-50-001 v2-0

### Product Groups available from this Certificate Holder include:

FSC Status	Control System	Product Type	Product code	Species Separate with semicolon. * indicates species not included on FSC database
FSC 100% FSC Mix Credit FSC Mix x% FSC Recycled	Transfer system	Carton Packaging	P5.1	Unkown

Date of issue/re-issue: 01/11/2019

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# Certificate of Registration

## Priority Press Packaging Ltd.

has been certified in accordance with the requirements of the PEFC Technical Documentation which at the date of certification and "as amended at [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)" are:  
PEFC ST 2002 : 2013 Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products  
PEFC ST 2001 : 2008 PEFC Logo Usage Rules  
and that Priority Press Packaging Ltd. of

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is hereby licensed to sell as PEFC certified all products listed within the attached PEFC product schedule using the method of **Physical Separation**

Validity of this certificate may also be verified by checking the PEFC database: [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org) or by contacting Soil Association Certification: [forestry@soilassociation.org](mailto:forestry@soilassociation.org)

**Certificate Registration**

**PEFC/COC 007379**

Issue Number 1.0

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# PEFC™ Product Schedule



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This schedule details the products which are included in the scope of the company's certification. It shall accompany the PEFC certificate.

If the product scope changes a new schedule will be issued. Certificate scope including products and certified sites may also be checked on the PEFC database [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)

### Description of Certificate holder

Name: Priory Press Packaging Ltd.  
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Code: SA-PEFC/COC-007379  
Type of certificate: Single  
Date of issue: 01/11/2019 Date of expiry: 31/10/2024

The company have complied with the PEFC ST 2002:2013 following standard/s:

### Scope of the Certificate: Carton Packaging Material

#### Product Groups available from this certificate holder include:

PEFC Status	Control system	Product Type	Product code	Species
x% PEFC Certified	Physical Separation	Packaging Materials	07030	Not Specified

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# Chain of Custody



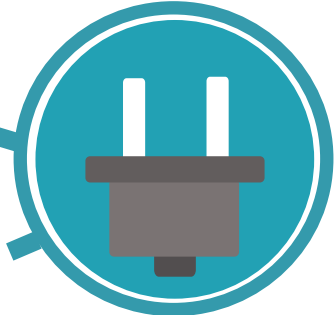
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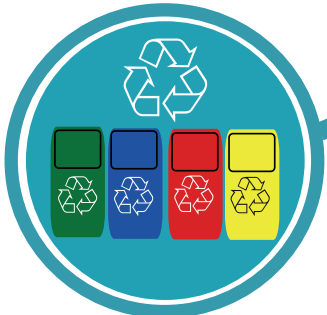
Plate Making



Inks / Sealants



Energy To Power Machinery



Waste Product Recycling



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*“Mark McConville, Managing Director stated,  
“These standards are the last link in the  
traceability chain that ensure and certify that  
the forested material used in the card has  
been sourced from renewable resources, has  
had no adverse impact in the flora & fauna or  
environment in that location and has not been  
obtained as a result of illegal logging  
or forest clearing for plantation purposes,  
and also ensures a fair recompense  
for the labour involved.””*

# Paper

It's vital that we produce premium packaging without the worry of recycling repercussions. We are committed to protecting the environment through sustainably managed resources and this is reflected in how we run our business.

As we are an FSC® and PEFC certified producer, our customers have the opportunity to be a part of our sustainability Chain of Custody. This Chain of Custody promotes transparency through our responsibly sourced card. All of our carton board is recyclable, biodegradable and compostable.







# Chemistry Free Plates

Printing plates are used to transfer an image to paper or other substances. Ink is applied to the image area of the plate and transferred directly to the paper. Typically this is achieved using photochemical processes.

Priory Press Packaging have made a significant and innovative investment to make our plating process completely chemistry and water free. Not only is this less harmful for the environment but it also provides greater image consistency for our customers.

All of our printing plates are also recycled after use.



# Inks & Sealants

## Vegetable - based inks

At Priory Press Packaging, we use vegetable-based inks. As opposed to traditional petroleum-based ink, vegetable-based inks are more environmentally friendly, may provide more accurate colours, and make it easier to recycle paper.

All of our sealers are water-based - products are sealed to encapsulate the inks, making them less susceptible to 'rubbing off. Water-based sealers are used instead of solvent-based products because they create a cleaner, safer environment for employees and customers; maintaining environmental air quality and reducing harmful fumes. Thanks to improving technology, many water-based sealants now outperform their solvent-based counterparts.





## Foiling

Packaging that has been foiled can be recycled. Our foil supplier Foilco, researched the effects of foil when printed on paper, cartons and board. The findings indicate that the hot stamping foil content of the printed product, has no detrimental effect on the ability to recycle the packaging. The foil content of most printed items is less than the ink. Two independent studies were conducted to determine the biodegradability and the recyclability of foil stamped paper. Foil has no visible effects on slowing down the rate of biodegradation of the paper & board.

## Window-Patching

We offer compostable window patch film that can be used by our customers on their packaging should they wish to do so.

## UV Varnish / Spot

Packaging that has been finished with UV Varnish / Spot is not currently biodegradable.



# Energy Resources

All of the energy used to power our machinery comes from renewable sources, namely wind power. Wind power consumes no fuel and emits no air pollution, unlike fossil fuel power sources.

We have signed a contract with 3T Power, ensuring all of the electricity we use is certified as renewable. Through the Carbon Trust, we have installed low LED lighting on our whole production floor, which is more energy efficient and less harmful to the environment. LED lighting has a longer lifespan than traditional bulbs and in some cases, can last up to 25 times longer.





# Waste Management

We operate an internal waste recycling plan which has reduced our waste disposal costs significantly. All dry goods including paper, plastics, metal, cartons and laminated print are recycled.

We deliver used wooden pallets to a local recycling centre where they are converted to wood chip.

We also recycle office ink cartridges through The Recycling Factory who ensure the cartridges are recycled or disposed of in an ethical and environmentally friendly way.



# Cycle to Work Scheme

At Priory Press Packaging, we operate the Northern Ireland Department of Transport's Cycle to Work scheme.

The initiative encourages employees to cycle to work reducing air pollution from cars, whilst also encouraging a healthy lifestyle. The incentive allows employees to obtain bicycles tax-free.



WE ARE *committed* TO  
SUPPLYING OUR CUSTOMERS WITH  
*safe, legally compliant  
packaging solutions,*

To *innovate* ON BEHALF  
OF OUR CUSTOMERS,

AND TO *meet* AND *exceed*  
OUR CUSTOMERS'  
*expectations.*



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