

## Initiatives for purchasing environmentally friendly goods and services

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (“Mizuho”) has adopted the following initiatives for purchasing environmentally friendly goods and services. We would like to ask our suppliers for their kind understanding and cooperation.

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In purchasing goods and services, Mizuho will endeavor to purchase environmentally friendly goods and services, in line with the following.

1. When we purchase goods or services, we will examine the need for the purchase in advance, including whether or not we already have within our organization any resources that could serve as an alternative. When making a purchase, we will aim to keep the quantity of the order to a minimum.
  
2. When we purchase goods or services, we will gather and utilize environmental information and aim to purchase environmentally friendly goods and services in line with the following conditions.
  - (1) Any use or emission of substances harmful to the environment and/or human beings is limited.
  - (2) Any use of resources and energy is limited.
  - (3) Any use of natural resources such as forests does not contribute to their depletion.
  - (4) The good or service can be used for a longer term than conventional options or can be reused/recycled.
  - (5) The good or service uses recycled materials or reused parts extensively.
  - (6) The good or service is easy to process or dispose of after use.
  
3. In regard to paper and office supplies, we will aim to purchase the following environmentally friendly products. If there are no available products that fit these descriptions, we will aim to select and purchase a product that meets the requirements under paragraph 2 above.

### (1) Office supplies

In Japan, we will aim to purchase the following types of products.

- A. Products certified under the Eco Mark Program
- B. Products compliant with the Law on Promoting Green Purchasing
- C. Products compliant with the Green Purchasing Network’s Green Purchasing Guidelines

Outside Japan, we will aim to purchase products that meet the requirements for environmentally friendly goods and services under paragraph 2 above.

## (2) Paper

When purchasing paper (copy paper, form paper, or printing paper<sup>1</sup>), we will aim to purchase paper which has been produced from either A or B below or mixed paper which has been produced from a combination of only A and B.

- A. Waste paper pulp (e.g. recycled paper)
- B. Virgin pulp prepared from wood or other raw materials which meet one of the following requirements:
  - (a) All procedures were completed appropriately in conformance with laws and regulations at the production site.
  - (b) The raw materials were produced from forests<sup>2</sup> under appropriate forest management (e.g. paper certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, paper produced from managed forests).
  - (c) The raw materials were thinned forest wood, low-quality wood<sup>3</sup>, wood waste, or non-wood fibers.<sup>4</sup>

- 4. In considering our suppliers and making purchases, we recognize the importance of giving priority to companies which are proactively pursuing environmental conservation, including resource and energy conservation.

1. Paper used for advertisements, legal disclosures, and similar items which we have printed by companies outside the Mizuho group.  
2. Forests certified under third-party forest certification programs, forests appropriately cultivated as managed forests for supply of wood, etc.  
3. Natural wood unusable as lumber.  
4. Kenaf, cotton, sugarcane bagasse, straw, common reed, etc.