

3.4.2 Bleaching

The manufacturer must not use the following bleaching agents at any stage in the production of virgin fibre, or in the processing of recycled fibre:

- Elemental chlorine
- Halogenated bleaching agents that produce elemental halogens in-situ
- Optical brighteners
- Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) or its derivatives.

Note: NaCl is specifically included in the second dot point.



The chemical lists used in the plant has been assessed for the purpose of establishing compliance to this criterion. Only one ingredient of relevance was identified which was Sodium Chloride. This ingredient is however not applied to any stage of the production process related to bleaching or de-inking but rather applied as a water softening agent in the clarifiers for the purpose of water quality treatment. The ingredient does not establish non-compliance.

Result: Compliant