

11.303 Special requirements for paper.

(a) The following applies when agencies acquire paper in the *United States* (as defined in [23.001](#)):

(1) Section 2(d)(ii) of Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, establishes a 30 percent postconsumer fiber content standards for agency paper use. Section 2(d)(ii) requires that an agency's paper *products must* meet or exceed the minimum content standard.

(2) Section 2(e)(iv) of Executive Order 13514 requires *acquisition* of uncoated printing and writing paper containing at least 30 percent postconsumer fiber.

(b) *Exceptions.* If paper under paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section containing at least 30 percent postconsumer fiber is not reasonably available, does not meet reasonable performance requirements, or is only available at an unreasonable price, then the agency *must* purchase-

(1) Printing and writing paper containing no less than 20 percent postconsumer fiber; or

(2) Paper, other than printing and writing paper, with the maximum practicable percentage of postconsumer fiber that is reasonably available at a reasonable price and that meets reasonable performance requirements.

Parent topic: [Subpart 11.3 - Acceptable Material](#)