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# Lacey Act Compliance

In May, 2008, the United States Congress amended the Lacey Act to include illegally sourced plants and associated by-products as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Lacey Act was originally enacted in 1900 to combat trafficking in illegal wildlife and is the United States' oldest wildlife protection law. The objective for amending the Lacey Act in 2008 was to combat the illegal importation, sale, and trafficking of plants in the United States, including wood products such as paper, by requiring a declaration of origin and a knowledge of species for all plant products used in a product. Inasmuch as Lightning Source seeks to source paper and other wood-fiber products used in its books from well-managed forests, from timber that is legally harvested and is not from an endangered species, LSI supports the Lacey Act.

LSI, as part of its environmental due diligence program, seeks to ascertain both the source-nation and the species of fiber products used in the paper and board products used to make books in our USA-based plants.

Based on the most current review of all of our paper and board suppliers, LSI is of the opinion that substantially all virgin wood products, used to make books in our Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and California production facilities, are sourced from forests in either the United States or Canada. Based on a detailed review of the timber species listed by each of our suppliers, LSI is of the opinion that no rare or endangered species of plant are being used to make any of the paper used in our books. The spine and cover boards used in the books are made from 100% recycled paper, and therefore are within the purview of the Lacey Act.

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