

A Grade cardboard 99/01 %

Below are the control lists against which bales and containers of waste paper are judged by mill Inspectors, and are the basis for whether material is rejected as A grade.

Whilst all items are important below, please pay extra attention to the highlighted items in the below lists, as these are items currently under scrutiny during inspections.

Plastic coated papers are included in the 0.5% list such as films on board/card etc, please also pay special attention to these items. If you need clarification on this please let me know.

Please note the below materials cannot exceed **0.5%** of the total weight of the load

- Waste Wood
- Waste Plastic (please notice here means industrial source)
- Waste Rubber
- Waste Textiles
- Aluminium-plastic composite packaging
- Asphalt-coated moisture roofpaper
- **Self-adhesive paper (label backing paper)**
- Carbon Paper
- Wall Paper
- Wax Paper
- **Wax Related Paper**
- **Silicon Paper**
- Thermal Paper
- Waste Fabric
- Any other impurity

Please note the below materials should be strictly controlled and cannot exceed **0.01%** of the total weight of the load

- Burnt Paper
- Partial Burnt Paper
- Paper that has been contaminated by extinguishing agent
- Sealed containers - please note this includes plastic bottles, cans and other bottles
- **Bubble Wrap Plastic**
- **Organic/Food Waste**
- **Green Waste/Soil and Rubble**
- **Electrical Items**
- Waste Metal
- Waste Glass

B Grade cardboard 90/10 %

Under the current developing quality control standards seen across multiple foreign and domestic markets, we are obliged to keep you informed of the changing inspection and quality expectations. As we have already seen, importing markets outside of China are placing bans and restrictions against various types of recyclable materials, namely; Plastics and Lower grade Fibre qualities. There have been some recent consignment rejections across various end user markets due to material not meeting the now current and recently changed standards.

In relation to cardboard, I would like to request that the following standards are adhered to in order for the material to be acceptable:

- Maximum tolerance for non-paper components; 1.5% (Contamination) – Following the European (CEPI) standard for OCC
- Minimum amount of corrugated papers; 90%
- Maximum amount of non-corrugated papers; 10%
- Bales should be dressed and their appearance should be clean

As we have seen through the course of this year, the effect in China of a changing quality standard has caused other markets to be conscious of the quality they will receive either as part of their regular importing quantity or as extra volume as they seek to support the global recycling and fibre production.