

# AMCEL

Timber and pulp assessment

Total score:

16.9%

Latest update: July 2019

Next scheduled: July 2020

**About this company:** Founded in 1976, AMCEL is a subsidiary of Nippon Paper Group and NYK - Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha. AMCEL is headquartered, and has forestry operations, in Brazil where it is engaged in processing, manufacturing and exporting wood chips.

**Parent company:** Nippon Paper Industries, NYK - Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha

**Landbank:** 310,000 hectares

**Thomson Reuters ticker:** Private company

**Bloomberg ticker:** Private company

**Activities:** Unclear

**Locations:** Brazil (Amapa)

**Headquarters:** Brazil

**Parent website:** <http://www.nipponpapergroup.com/english/>;  
<http://www2.nykline.com/>

**Website:** <http://www.amcel.com.br/en#home>

**Total:**

20.5 / 121

16.9%



## > Sustainability policy and leadership

0 / 9 0%

1. Sustainable forestry policy or commitment for all its operations?

✘

0 / 1 Source

2. Sustainability policy or commitment applies to all sourcing?

✘

0 / 1 Source

3. High-level position of responsibility for sustainability?

✘

0 / 1 Source

4. One or more board members have responsibility for sustainability?

This indicator is disabled as the company is not publicly listed

5. Percentage or number of women board members?

This indicator is disabled as the company is not publicly listed

6. Percentage or number of women in senior management team?

✘

0 / 1 Source

7. Sustainability report published within last two years?

The parent company, Nippon Paper Group, produced a sustainability report in 2018 which covered AMCEL's operations, but AMCEL itself neither makes reference to these, nor produces its own sustainability report

✘

0 / 1 Source

<b>8. Member of multiple industry schemes or other external initiatives to improve forest management or transparency?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>9. Activities with government, NGOs or academic institutions to improve the sustainability of forest products?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>10. Climate risks assessment available?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>11. Natural capital assessment available?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source



### > Landbank, mills and traceability

5 / 21 23.8%

⚠ 1 media report

<b>12. Lists countries and operations?</b> The company has forestry operations in seven municipalities within Amapá state, Brazil	✓	1 / 1	Source
<b>13. Total area of natural forest designated for wood/wood fibre production (ha)?</b> 180,000 - It is not clear whether the company has any natural forest areas under its ownership. The company reports having 180,000 hectares of "native forest", but the exact meaning of this is unclear and the figure is undated	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>14. Total area of forest plantation (ha)?</b> 130,000 - Contradictory figures are reported. The company reports having 130,000 hectares of plantation on its website, but this figure is undated	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>15. Area of plantation/natural forest within outgrower schemes (ha)?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>16. Unplanted (areas designated for future development as plantation forest) (ha)?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>17. Conservation set-aside and/or HCV area (ha)?</b> 81,306.5 - A figure for total conservation area of 81,306.54 is listed in the 2018 FSC audit report. However, this report does not cover all of the company's operations so it is not clear if this is all the conservation area the company has	P	0.5 / 1	Source
<b>18. Area of Intact Forest Landscape (ha)?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>19. Number of Forest Management Units (FMUs)?</b> 5 - The company does not report a clear figure for the number of FMUs it has. It has operations in seven municipalities, and its summary management appears to show forestry operations in at least five municipalities. Its FSC certificate covers only one FMU	P	0.5 / 1	Source
<b>20. Maps of forest management units (FMUs)?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source

<b>21. Forest management plans available for all FMUs?</b>	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
The company provides a general summary management plan, but it is not clear whether it covers specific FMUs or all FMUs			
<b>22. Monitoring of forest management plan implementation?</b>	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
The company discusses various monitoring activities, but it is unclear if these relate to specific management objectives, and whether the management plan covers all FMUs			
<b>23. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on use rights (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>	This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal		
<b>24. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on forest management (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>	This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal		
<b>25. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on timber harvesting (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>	This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal		
<b>26. Number of company owned pulp and paper mills?</b>	This indicator is disabled as the company's reporting broadly suggests that it doesn't own pulp or paper mills. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this		
<b>27. Maps or addresses of company owned pulp and paper mills?</b>	This indicator is disabled as the company's reporting broadly suggests that it doesn't own pulp or paper mills. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this		
<b>28. Number of company owned sawmills?</b>	✓	1 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
1			
<b>29. Maps or addresses of company owned sawmills?</b>	✗	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>30. Number of supplier mills?</b>	✗	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>31. Maps or addresses of supplier mills?</b>	✗	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>32. Procedures to trace raw materials to country of harvest?</b>	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
The company has some FSC CoC certification which only covers traceability for the certified portion of its supply			
<b>33. Procedures to trace raw materials to FMU level?</b>	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
The company has some FSC CoC certification which only covers traceability for the certified portion of its supply			
<b>34. Percentage of supply traceable to country level (above 80%)?</b>			

Although the company appears to only have production operations in Brazil, it is not clear whether it has suppliers which source from other countries	✗	0 / 2	Source
<b>35. Percentage of supply traceable to FMU level (above 75%)?</b>	✗	0 / 2	Source



<span style="color: white;">&gt;</span> <b>Deforestation and biodiversity</b>			
<span style="color: white;">35 / 17</span> <span style="color: white;">79.2%</span>			
<span style="color: green;">⚠</span> <span style="color: green;">1 media report</span>			
<b>36. Commitment to zero conversion of natural forest?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>37. Zero conversion commitment applies to all sourcing?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>38. Commitment to minimise the impact of logging roads?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>39. Commitment to protect forest areas from illegal activities?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>40. Evidence of monitoring deforestation?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>41. Amount of deforestation recorded?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>42. Commitment to biodiversity conservation?</b>	✓	1 / 1	Source
<b>43. Examples of species and/or habitat conservation management?</b> The company reports examples of various habitat and species monitoring activities it has conducted, including surveys of flora and fauna, community education on species, monitoring and rehabilitation of HCV areas, erosion control and invasive species management	✓	1 / 1	Source
<b>44. Implementing a landscape-level approach to biodiversity conservation?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>45. Identified species of conservation concern referencing international or national system of species classification?</b> The company reports it has carried out flora and fauna surveys to identify species, but does not reference a classification system for determining the threatened status of species identified	P	0.5 / 1	Source
<b>46. Commitment to sustainably manage the use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs)?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>47. Commitment not to use genetically modified organisms?</b> The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004)	✓	1 / 1	Source



## > HCV, HCS and impact assessments

15 / 8 18.8%

P 0.5 / 1 [Source](#)

### 48. Commitment to conduct High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments?

The company does not have a direct commitment to conduct HCV assessments across all of its operations. However, the company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004). For this half points are awarded

P 0.5 / 1 [Source](#)

### 49. HCV commitment applies to all sourcing?

The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004). For this half points are awarded

### 50. Commitment to only use licensed High Conservation Value (HCV) assessors accredited by the HCV Resource Network's Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS)?

This indicator is disabled until sufficient number of HCV ALS licensed assessors are available for the location where the company operates

✗ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 51. High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments available?

✗ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 52. High Conservation Value (HCV) management and monitoring plans available?

✗ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 53. Commitment to the High Carbon Stock (HCS) Approach?

✗ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 54. High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments available?

P 0.5 / 1 [Source](#)

### 55. Commitment to conduct social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs)?

The company refers to conducting assessments on its environmental and social impacts, but there is not a clear commitment to conduct these before all new development

✗ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 56. Social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs) available?

### 57. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on impact assessments (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?

This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal



## > Soils, fire and GHGs

2 / 14 14.3%

✗ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 58. Commitment to best management practices for soils and/or peat?

59. Commitment to reduced impact logging?	✗	0 / 1	Source
60. Commitment to no planting on peat of any depth?	✗	0 / 1	Source
61. Commitment on peatland planting applies to all sourcing?	✗	0 / 1	Source
62. Landbank or planted area on peat (ha)?	✗	0 / 1	Source
63. Evidence of best management practices for soils and/or peat? The company mentions "visual monitoring" of erosion and provides a photograph of activities carried out	P	0.5 / 1	Source
64. Commitment to zero burning?	✗	0 / 1	Source
65. Commitment to zero burning applies to all sourcing?	✗	0 / 1	Source
66. Evidence of management and monitoring fires?	✓	1 / 1	Source
67. Details/number of hotspots/fires in FMUs controlled by the company? The company provides details of fires from 2012-17, but more recent data could not be found. The scope of area covered by this reporting is also unclear	P	0.5 / 1	Source
68. Time-bound commitment to reduce GHG emissions intensity?	✗	0 / 1	Source
69. Progress towards reducing GHG emission intensity?	✗	0 / 1	Source
70. Report GHG emissions from land use change?	✗	0 / 1	Source
71. Methodology used to calculate GHG emissions?	✗	0 / 1	Source



## > Water, chemical and waste management

0 / 9 0%

⚠ 1 media report

72. Time-bound commitment to improve water quality (BOD and COD)?	✗	0 / 1	Source
73. Progress towards commitment on water quality (BOD and COD)?	✗	0 / 1	Source

	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>74. Commitment to protection of natural waterways through buffer zones?</b>			
<b>75. Evidence of treatment of pulp and paper mill effluent?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company's reporting broadly suggests that it doesn't own pulp or paper mills. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>76. Evidence of sawmill run-off containment and wastewater treatment?</b>			
<b>77. Time-bound commitment to improve water use intensity?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company's reporting broadly suggests that it doesn't own pulp or paper mills. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this			
<b>78. Progress towards commitment on water use intensity?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company's reporting broadly suggests that it doesn't own pulp or paper mills. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this			
<b>79. Commitment to eliminate chlorine and chlorine compounds for bleaching?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company's reporting broadly suggests that it doesn't own pulp or paper mills. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>80. Commitment to minimise the use of chemicals, including pesticides and chemical fertilisers?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>81. No use of World Health Organisation (WHO) Class 1A and 1B pesticides?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>82. No use of chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention and Rotterdam Convention?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>83. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>84. Chemical usage per ha or list of chemicals used?</b>			



## > Community, land and labour rights

85 / 22 38.6%

⚠ 5 media reports

	✓	1 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>85. Commitment to human rights, referencing the UN Declaration on Human Rights or UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?</b> The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the violation of human rights in forestry operations. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004), which defines human rights as those established through the UN Declaration of Human Rights			
	✓	1 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>86. Commitment to human rights applies to all sourcing?</b> The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the violation of human rights in forestry operations.			

<p>This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004), which defines human rights as those established through the UN Declaration of Human Rights</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>87. Commitment to respect indigenous and local communities' rights?</b>  The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the violation of human rights in forestry operations. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004), which encompasses the rights of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples as established by the ILO Convention 169</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>88. Commitment to respect legal and customary property rights?</b>  The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the violation of traditional rights in forestry operations. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004), which encompasses customary rights. This policy does not reference legal rights, but the company has also made an explicit commitment to "recognise and respect the legal rights of traditional communities to own, use and manage their lands, territories and resources"</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>89. Commitment to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)?</b></p>	<p>✗ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>90. FPIC commitment applies to independent suppliers?</b></p>	<p>✗ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>91. Details of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) process available?</b></p>	<p>✗ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>92. Examples of local stakeholder engagement to prevent conflicts?</b>  The company provides examples of stakeholder engagement activities to prevent conflict, including direct consultation days with communities and lectures held</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>93. Details of process for addressing land conflicts available?</b>  The company refers to a procedure for conflict resolution, but very few details are given and its purpose and scope are unclear</p>	<p>P 0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>94. Commitment to support the inclusion of women across forestry operations, including addressing barriers faced?</b></p>	<p>✗ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>95. Commitment to provide essential community services and facilities?</b>  No commitment could be found, but the company provides examples of projects it is conducting, relating to school education and vocational training for young people</p>	<p>P 0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>96. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on population rights (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>  This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal</p>	
<p><b>97. Commitment to respect all workers' rights?</b></p>	<p>✗ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>98. Reference to Fundamental ILO Conventions?</b>  The company has committed to not be directly or indirectly involved in the violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions. This commitment is made through the FSC Policy for Association (FSC-POL-01-004)</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>



	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>99. Commitment to eliminate gender related discrimination with regards to employment and occupation?</b>			
<b>100. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on labour regulations (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>			
This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>101. Percentage or number of temporary employees?</b>			
	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>102. Percentage or number of women employees?</b>			
36 - This figure is reported in an FSC audit report and does not clearly cover all company operations			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>103. Payment of minimum wage?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>104. Reporting of salary by gender?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>105. Commitment to address occupational health and safety, referencing the ILO Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Forestry Work?</b>			
	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>106. Time lost due to work-based injuries?</b>			
7.74 - The company reports this accident frequency rate for the period May 2017 - May 2018 for one FMU. For the same FMU it also reports an accident severity rate of 47.74, but does not clarify the units for this figure			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>107. Number of fatalities as a result of work-based accidents?</b>			
	P	0.5 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>108. Provision of personal protective equipment and related training?</b>			
The company provides relevant training to its employees, but it is not clear if personal protective equipment is provided			




## > Certification standards



<b>0 / 14</b>	<b>0%</b>		
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>109. Time-bound plan for achieving 100% third-party legality verification of FMUs or achieved?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>110. Time-bound plan to source only wood/wood fibre that is in legal compliance verified by a third party?</b>			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>111. Percentage area (ha) verified as being in legal compliance by a third party?</b>			
The company has some FSC and CERFLOR certification but it is not clear what percentage of its landbank this covers			
	✘	0 / 1	<a href="#">Source</a>
<b>112. Percentage of all wood/wood fibre supply traded/processed verified as being in legal compliance by a third party?</b>			
<b>113. Time-bound plan for achieving 100% FSC FM certification of FMUs or achieved 100% FSC-certification of</b>			

FMUs?	✘	0 / 1	Source
114. Commitment to source only wood/wood fibre that meets FSC Controlled Wood requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source
115. Percentage area (ha) FSC FM certified?	✘	0 / 2	Source
116. Percentage of wood/wood fibre supply from outgrower scheme and/or independent suppliers that is FSC FM certified?	✘	0 / 2	Source
117. Percentage of all wood/wood fibre supply traded/processed that are FSC certified (above 75%)?	✘	0 / 2	Source
118. Percentage area (ha) PEFC certified (excluding FSC certified area)? 214,004 - The company's CERFLOR (PEFC-endorsed standard in Brazil) certified landbank stands at 214,004.28 ha, but it is unclear what percentage of the total operational area this accounts for, or how much of this landbank is also certified under FSC	✘	0 / 2	Source



 > Smallholders and suppliers			
0 / 6	0%		
119. Programme to support outgrower scheme smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
120. Percentage of outgrower scheme smallholders involved in programme?	✘	0 / 1	Source
121. Process used to prioritise, assess and/or engage suppliers on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source
122. The company has a Due Diligence System (DDS)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
123. Suspension or exclusion criteria for suppliers?	✘	0 / 1	Source
124. Percentage of suppliers assessed and/or engaged on compliance with company requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source



 > Governance and grievances			
0 / 6	0%		
 1 media report			
125. Commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption?	✘	0 / 1	Source
126. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on legal registration (at the time			

**of SPOTT assessments)?**

This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal

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**127. Disclosure of the company's management approach to tax and payments to governments?**

**128. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on taxes, fees and royalties (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?**

This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a geography currently covered by Open Timber Portal

**×** 0 / 1 [Source](#)

**129. Whistleblowing procedure?**

**×** 0 / 1 [Source](#)

**130. Own grievance or complaints system open to all stakeholders?**

**×** 0 / 2 [Source](#)

**131. Details of grievances disclosed?**