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**The Business Times**

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## **Singapore companies chasing more paper**

### Synopsis

The Business Times ran an article based on Spire's research analysis on corporate paper use in the region. Nearly half of the 100 companies polled added that their paper consumption is increasing, up from 43 per cent in 2007. Just 14 per cent have noted a drop in paper use, down from 18 per cent a year ago.

This is despite more companies saying that they have put in place guidelines to control paper consumption, with two-thirds of the companies having policies regarding the use of paper, up from 39 per cent in 2007. Such policies include double-sided printing, quotas for each employee and recycling.

Singapore was ranked second among seven other countries in the Asia-Pacific poll. Malaysia had the highest per capita consumption of paper – every employee in a Malaysian-based firm used an estimated 1.45 reams of paper a month.

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