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Italy cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices down in January

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 22 January

Prices for both folding boxboard (FBB) and white-lined chipboard (WLC) decreased in January for deliveries in the first quarter and, in some cases, for longer validities.

Fastmarkets' assessment of the [cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard \(GC2\) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy](#), sank by €40-50 (\$43.30-54.20) per tonne to €950-1,190 per tonne in January from December's value of €990-1240.

Fastmarkets' assessment of the [cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard \(GD2\) 300 g, free delivered Italy](#), dropped by €10-15 per tonne to €650-700 for shipments in January from December's value of €660-715.

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French P&B production slips by 0.2% year on year in 2025

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French paper and board (P&B) production slipped by 0.2% on a year-on-year basis to 6.52 million tonnes in 2025, according to the latest data from French pulp, paper and board industries confederation Copacel.

French pulp and paper production December, Jan-Dec 2025 (1,000 tonnes)					
	Production				
	Dec-25	Dec-24	Jan-Dec 2025	Jan-Dec 2024	2024/2025 change
Graphic paper	63.4	66.4	768.4	786.4	▼2.28%
Packaging	342.5	344.8	4,514.2	4,570.9	▼1.24%
Containerboard	303.5	308.2	3,874.2	3,865.8	▲0.22%
Cartonboard	25.5	21.4	446.0	485.4	▼8.12%
Flexible packaging paper	13.4	15.2	193.9	219.7	▼11.74%
Tissue	70.2	66.4	888.8	826.7	▲7.51%
Other paper	22.4	22.0	347.2	347.4	▼0.06%
Total P&B	498.5	499.6	6,518.6	6,531.4	▼0.20%
Pulp production					
	102.5	122.8	1,328.0	1,414.6	▼6.12%
Paper for recycling consumption	390.5	389.3	5,027.3	5,011.6	▲0.31%
Source: Copacel					

Production of graphic paper dropped by 2.3% to 768,400 tonnes over the year.

Packaging paper production fell by 1.2% to 4.51 million tonnes, with containerboard output increasing by 0.2% to 3.87 million tonnes, cartonboard declining by 8.1% to 446,000 tonnes and flexible packaging paper down by 11.7% to 193,900 tonnes.

Tissue paper production increased by 7.5% year on year to 888,800 tonnes during 2025.

On the furnish side, pulp production fell by 6.1% year on year to 1.33 million tonnes, while paper for recycling consumption rose by 0.3% to 5.03 million tonnes.

Stora Enso introduces Performa Lumi lightweight GC1 folding boxboard

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Stora Enso introduces Performa Lumi, a new GC1 folding boxboard (FBB) designed for brands seeking both premium visual impact and efficient material use. Produced on Stora Enso's new BM6 packaging line in Oulu, Finland, Performa Lumi expands the Performa range alongside Performa Nova, offering a complementary option for everyday beauty, personal care, and healthcare packaging.

Performa Lumi is a CTMP board coated on both sides with a light-coated reverse, delivering high whiteness, excellent printability, and a smooth surface that supports strong brand expression. It is an ideal choice for applications where shelf appeal and consistent performance are equally important.

Like Performa Nova, Performa Lumi is produced using FiberLight Tec, Stora Enso's proven proprietary technology that enables the creation of strong yet lightweight board structures. This allows brand owners to achieve the desired functionality while optimising material efficiency.

“Performa Lumi is designed for brands that want premium appearance without unnecessary complexity,” says Kati Ekman, Head of Product Line FBB. “For brand owners, that means one board solution that can cover multiple end-uses, from beauty to personal care and beyond with reliable results.”

Performa Lumi has been designed to withstand external stresses in printing and conversion, making it well-suited for demanding end-uses. The board is suitable for direct food contact and adheres to industry odour and taste standards. Performa Lumi is available in grammages from 205 to 310 gsm and offers high stiffness and efficient yield across the range, supporting a variety of packaging formats.

Performa Lumi joins Stora Enso’s expansive portfolio of carton board products. With its launch, Stora Enso continues to drive innovation in

renewable materials, offering customers flexible supply and helping to shift toward circular packaging solutions.

The forest is at the heart of Stora Enso, and we believe that everything made from fossil-based materials today can be made from a tree tomorrow. We are the leading provider of renewable products in packaging, biomaterials, and wooden construction, and one of the largest private forest owners in the world. In 2024, Stora Enso had approximately 19,000 employees, and the Group sales were EUR 9 billion. Stora Enso’s shares are listed on Nasdaq Helsinki Oy and Nasdaq Stockholm AB. In addition, the shares are traded in the USA OTC Markets as ADRs and ordinary shares.

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	950 - 1190	-45 (-4.04%)	Jan 2026	950 - 1190
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	950 - 1180	-45 (-4.05%)	Jan 2026	950 - 1180
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	670 - 710	-22.5 (-3.16%)	Jan 2026	670 - 710
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	650 - 705	-22.5 (-3.21%)	Jan 2026	650 - 705

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	980 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	980 - 1240
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	680 - 720	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	680 - 720

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

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FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	950 - 1190	-45 (-4.04%)	Jan 2026	950 - 1190
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	650 - 700	-12.5 (-1.82%)	Jan 2026	650 - 700

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Jan 2026	960 - 1145	-32.5 (-3.00%)	Jan 2026	960 - 1145
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	1101 - 1313	-28 (-2.27%)	Jan 2026	1101 - 1313
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Jan 2026	685 - 735	-15 (-2.07%)	Jan 2026	685 - 735
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	786 - 843	-11 (-1.33%)	Jan 2026	786 - 843