

# Tetra Pak Group ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



## **Sustainability Vision**

Tetra Pak is committed to running its business in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner. We set goals for continuous improvement in our development, sourcing, manufacturing, and transportation activities.

## **Commitment to environmental excellence**

We consider environmental management an important priority and thus establish procedures, programs and practices for conducting operations in an environmentally sound manner.

As part of that commitment we strive to:

- Take a long term and life cycle view
- Continually improve environmental performance
- Achieve prevention of pollution, reduction of climate impact, resource reduction and increased recycling in order to reduce waste, ensure cleaner air and water and conservation of natural resources
- Meet or exceed internal guidelines, standards and requirements, applicable environmental legislation, and all other external requirements to which we have subscribed
- Understand and manage responsibly all areas of environmental risk and uncertainty as well as the known environmental aspects of our products and processes
- Fully integrate environmental considerations into strategic management decisions, policies, programmes and practices across our business
- Work with and support our customers and suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of our products and our services
- Communicate openly and credibly with our stakeholders and report regularly on our performance
- Be environmentally pro-active in every market where we do business.

We acknowledge that our operations have an impact on the environment that must be balanced with the benefits our products and services bring to society.

We provide products that meet both customer and consumer needs, that protect the quality and nutritional value of food, and prevent food waste.

## **Society**

As responsible corporate citizens, we maintain open lines of communications on key environmental matters with the communities in which we operate. We support selected community-based initiatives and activities that promote greater environmental responsibility and awareness.

We will develop information on the environmental profile of our products and will share this with others.

We are committed to facilitate and promote local collection and recycling activities for postconsumer carton packages. We contribute to the transfer and promotion of environmentally sound recycling technologies and best practices among industry and public sectors.

We publish bi-annual corporate sustainability reports to communicate about our performance, challenges and progress to stakeholders.

## **Customers**

We inform our customers of the environmental profile of our products and services.

We encourage our customers to share with us their concerns regarding environmental issues related to our products, equipment and services, and will facilitate discussion on options to address those issues.

We endeavour to support our customers on finding environmentally acceptable solutions for their packaging material production waste, and in improving the environmental performance of our machines and equipment at our customers' facilities.

## **Transportation**

We aim at managing and reducing the environmental impact of the transportation related to our activities and products including transportation into, within and from Tetra Pak. Our environmental management systems include transportation. We shall take the impact on the environment into consideration when deciding on or changing of transportation modes and logistics.

We shall also take account of environment when planning and arranging travel, and we make use of video and telephone conferencing whenever possible.

### **Manufacturing / Operations**

We strive for environmental excellence in our operations. We therefore commit to developing, designing and conducting our operations in a manner that:

- Minimises environmental impacts
- Addresses past contamination
- Promotes the efficient use of resources
- Reduces our contribution to climate change
- Manages waste properly, including maximising recycling of factory waste.

All of our manufacturing sites shall have environmental management systems certified to ISO 14001.

### **Employee environmental engagement/participation**

Meeting our environmental goals requires everyone in the company to assume responsibility. Every individual in every location is expected to contribute to achieving our plans and goals by proactively taking initiative in line with our environmental policy.

Managers at all levels are responsible for ensuring that this policy is effectively communicated, and that employees are supported and empowered to implement and meet the policy requirements in their work.

We openly share environmental knowledge, best practices and information on our environmental performance. We provide environmental training to ensure our employees execute their duties with the least possible environmental impact.

### **Supplier management**

Since we attach importance to environmental management, we insist on the same from our suppliers. Environmental requirements are taken into consideration in the development of our supply base.

We work together with our suppliers to ensure that they maintain an acceptable environmental performance and drive continuous improvements in this area.

It is our ultimate goal that all wood fibre in our liquid packaging board shall come from forests independently certified as managed in accordance with principles of sustainable forest management. We also require our board suppliers to have certified traceability and full knowledge of the origin of fibre sources used for the paperboard they provide to us, and to avoid any sourcing from illegally harvested wood or other unacceptable sources as detailed in our Forestry Guideline. Legal compliance must also include fulfilment of all conditions required by specific legislation such as

the amended Lacey Act in the USA and the Due Diligence System of the European Union Timber Regulation.

### **Product development**

We are committed to products and services that meet customer needs in a competitive way and at the same time have a sound environmental profile, that are safe in their intended use, that are efficient in their consumption of energy and natural resources, and that can be recycled, recovered or disposed of safely.

Products and services are assessed from an entire life cycle point of view; from product design, material sourcing, operations and manufacturing to transportation, customers and society. To understand the full environmental impact of all new package developments, we use life cycle analysis (LCA) as a standard approach in our product development process.

Renewability is a key environmental asset of our packaging portfolio. For a given functionality level, we strive to maintain or increase the use of material from renewable sources in our carton package portfolio.

We shall use the minimum of materials required to ensure the protection of the product, and the integrity and functionality of the package.

All our packages shall be suitable for recycling. New developments will include, when needed, the development and identification of appropriate recycling technologies.

### **Monitoring & Assurance**

The policy is monitored through Global Environment and the bi-annual environmental report measures the status and progress.

### **Escalation & Notification**

Escalation of issues is a responsibility of each employee and shall in all normal cases be routed through the chain-of-command.

### **Related Procedures, Guidelines & Strategy documents**

- Environmental Strategy "Drive Environmental Excellence"
- Factory Waste Shredding Procedure
- Environment Advocacy Guidelines
- Forestry Guideline
- Guidelines for making Green Claims
- Guidelines on Communicating LCA and product Carbon footprint results