Environmental and Ethical Trading Policy Statements

General Statement of environmental principals

GF Europe Limited seeks to ensure that all our activities comply fully with relevant environmental legislation and perceived best practice and strives for continual improvement of our environmental management procedures.

GF Europe Limited recognises that our activities have an impact on the environment.

In all our activities, working practices and business relationships, we are committed to protecting, conserving and enhancing all aspects of the environment over which we have control or can influence.

Implementation

To deliver this policy, GF Europe Limited will:

- Ensure that all our activities comply with relevant environmental legislation and perceived best practice.
- Set Practical aims for the continual improvement of our environmental management procedures.
- Use resources wisely by reducing resource use and reusing or recycling materials wherever possible.
- Use Information and Communication Technology to carry out work and communicate with clients and suppliers – thus avoiding the generation of excessive volumes of paper waste.
- Recycle as much waste material as possible and minimise consumption of resources such as ink, paper, raw materials, fuel and energy.
- Maintain current and reliable information on the environmental impact of the goods and services we supply and make this available on demand to our customers to make informed choices.
- Understand the sensitivities of our customers, including the pressures of growing and changing statutory and public concern about environmental issues, and assist them in complying with environmental best practice.
- Identify opportunities to reduce any environmental impact of our activities at an early stage and adopt these changes where appropriate.
- Communicate our environmental performance both within the company and outside.
- Raise staff awareness of environmental issues and promote individual good practice.
• Require our suppliers to provide goods and services with the minimum adverse environmental impact and give preference to environmentally aware suppliers whenever possible.
• Ensure that our purchases of goods and materials comply fully with UK Government and European legislation and recognised environmental best practice.
• Make efficient and environmental use of energy, water and other natural resources.
• Take all reasonable steps to prevent pollution of both our local and wider environment.
• Employ sound waste management practices.
• Encourage all of our suppliers to have or be developing an environmental policy.
• Continue to review our environmental performance and strive to respond to issues as they arise.
• Conduct internal environmental reviews on a periodic basis and measure our operational activities against our environmental standards.
• Encourage our staff to minimise car journeys and use environmentally sustainable transport methods in respect of commuting and business journeys wherever practical.
• Where car journeys are essential to use bio-fuels and vehicles with low carbon emissions and high fuel economy wherever possible.
• Support our local authority’s green travel objectives.

Ethical Trading Policy Statement

GF Europe will aim to trade ethically.

We will:

• Not take advantage of lower employment or manufacturing costs in developing countries.
• Adhere to any Government recognised trading sanctions.
• Actively consider paying suppliers from developing countries an additional bonus upon satisfactory completion of a project.
• Not trade with those countries which the Directors believe are violators of human rights.
• Refuse to work with any client or prospective client which we have reason to consider exploits humans, animals or the environment unfairly.