

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

An accepted definition of sustainable development is “achieving economic growth, environmental protection and social progress at the same time”. CHIMPOLATA needs to be mindful of the impact of all its activities on the environment.

CHIMPOLATA will follow the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle in managing its environmental impact. Through this policy we expect to not only reduce environmental impacts, but also to make sensible economic sense. CHIMPOLATA will comply with all relevant legislation in regards to sustainability and other relevant matters.

USE OF ENERGY IN COMPANY PREMISES

CHIMPOLATA seeks to reduce the amount of energy used within its premises. CHIMPOLATA's largest energy stream in the UK is electricity used for lighting, heating and computers. CHIMPOLATA actively encourages participation with simple measures, such as switching lights and equipment off when not needed, that can have a significant impact on energy use. Energy surveys can identify where capital investment can provide cost effective returns by saving energy and money, for example installation of suitable building management systems to control heating, and lighting. The design of any new premises should be undertaken to minimise the use of scarce resources and energy during the design, construction and use of the premises.

SUPPLY CHAIN EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

CHIMPOLATA will take reasonable steps to assess suppliers' policies and practices and will not purchase goods or services from a supplier if supply chain employment conditions are found to be unacceptable and there is no demonstrable improvement plan - unless there is an overwhelming case for meeting an urgent need.

PAPER USE

CHIMPOLATA will pursue a policy to reduce its paper consumption through the use of further electronic distribution and manipulation technologies.

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DISPOSAL OF WASTE

CHIMPOLATA will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of its waste. CHIMPOLATA will encourage the Reuse & Repair of products to avoid early disposal. CHIMPOLATA will encourage the segregation of waste and its disposal via recycling processes. CHIMPOLATA specifiers and purchasers will, where practical, give preference to products that can be disassembled and recycled.

USE OF MATERIALS

CHIMPOLATA's specifiers and purchasers will, where practical, investigate the materials and processes used to manufacture products. Where uses of scarce/non-renewable raw materials, harmful materials or high-energy consuming processes are evident they will refrain from purchasing those products wherever possible. If no cost effective alternatives can be found the Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle principles will be used. Materials to be avoided include timber from non-managed forests, asbestos, VOCs, lead, and PVC, (although much of the electronic equipment used in the industry employs the latter two without alternatives). CHIMPOLATA will discourage suppliers from using excess packaging.

TRANSPORT

Air travel is the world's fastest growing source of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, which cause climate change. By raising awareness of emissions caused by air travel, restricting travel to necessity trips only and using alternatives such as video/telephone conferencing. CHIMPOLATA can avoid making unnecessary CO₂ emissions. CHIMPOLATA has to manage the impact of business and commuter travel when considering road transport. By restricting car travel to necessity trips only and using alternatives such as video/telephone conferencing or public transport (bus/train). CHIMPOLATA can make savings in CO₂ emissions and money. CHIMPOLATA does not operate a car fleet, but can cost effectively manage its trucks to achieve lower emissions.

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