

VALUE

ACTION PLAN ON CSR

CSR as value

creation

CSR as risk management

CSR **Corporate** philanthropy **PURPOSE**

Establish an innovative and motivating sustainable business model

Compliance

Provide

benefits and

skills

IMPACT

Long term fundamental strategic and operational impact

Shared values

• Promote innovation of: production processes, raw materials, packaging, transportation, ...

BENEFITS

- Medium to high strategic and operational impact on Smidtimex, customers and (as) consumers
- Mitigation of operational impact Mitigation of operational risks Support external relationships

Little strategic and operational impact

· Corporate philanthropy: training, education, ... staff

YOUR CHOICE OUR SERVICE YOUR SUCCESS



Training & education own staff

- risk & safety management on products & productions
- knowledge of ecologically and environmentally friendly products and production procedures

Instead of the traditional end of year gifts we will give preference to greener gifts and fairtrade items.

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Offer ecologically and socially responsible products and productions to our customers

No use of toxic inks

Place safer products on the market

Traceability origin raw materials

Non-acceptance of productions in subcontracting when the 3 rd party is unknown -> traceability

Create consumer awareness of environmental and social aspects

Deliver all products with warnings, instruction sheets for future reference, quality labels for ecologically and socially responsible products

More selective choice of manufacturers -> factory audits

- verification of the ILO* rules
- working conditions
- energy consumption
- safety
- social empathy with staff
- certified manufacturers



- Mandated by the UN,
 the International Labour Organisation's (ILO)
 mission is to promote social justice and in particular, to ensure respect for human rights in the workplace
- Smidt-Imex Code of Conduct -> manufacturers need to comply with our Code of Conduct
- Control and inspect products and productions
- lab testing
- DUPRO
- · QC's
- inspections

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Encourage ecological and social awareness of own staff:

Encourage use of public transport and bicycle:

- participation subscription costs for public transport
- availability of green bikes for own staff
- staff recruitment: source regionally
- use of public transport (train, rented coach) to visit foreign customers and fairs
- conference calls to reduce travelling (future investment in infrastructure)

Green fleet

Purchase environmentally responsible cars for representatives + longer use

Reduce energy consumption

- turn off all electronic devices daily (PC, PC screen, etc...)
- implementation of central printing and scanning system
- paper less -> optimisation of electronic document flow
- installation of home automation system
 automatically disable lighting and heating installation

ISO 9001

- 2010 implementation in HK office (passed)
- implementation in Belgium office
- · less use of paper
- structured operation

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Encourage ecological and social awareness of own staff:

Ecology and recycling

- recycled paper for internal documents
- recycling of printed documents as scrap paper etc...
- improving insulation of existing infrastructure (company buildings)
- separation of waste: recyclable products and different kinds of packaging
- downsize catalogues to the minimum or work with digital catalogues since 2011

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Encourage ecological and social awareness of our customers:

Also offer,
next to the requested
products, alternative
products that are more
ecologically and socially
justified such as:

- recycled raw materials
- bio/ green



fair business

Long term planning of promotions -> use of green boats -> reduce carbon footprint

- avoid transportation by air
- work with full container loads and combined shipments
- optimize containers and transportation
- direct shipments to customers
- more European productions (close to home)

Knowledge on origin of raw materials

Optimize packaging and palletization, mitigate volume and transportation

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Create ecological and social awareness of our customers:

More selective choice of suppliers

- productions
- mitigate stock items
- work with ecologically and socially aware European/ Far East manufacturers

Packaging & raw materials

- PP instead of PVC
- Recycled cotton
- Organic cotton
- Fair trade cotton



- Unbleached natural cotton
- PET polyester instead of new polyester
- Recycled PET
- Recycled PP woven instead of new PP woven
- Mitigate individual packaging & plastic packaging
- Increase bulk packaging
- Use corrugated cardboard made from recycled paper for packaging, displays, etc...

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