



# BCN BV CSR Statement

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## **Sustainable Procurement Policy**

At BCN, we continuously work towards a sustainable procurement policy that stimulates the market towards a more innovation-focused and sustainable approach to procurement. We achieve this by making conscious choices with every purchase, examining the entire product lifecycle from start to finish, and incorporating the possibility of sourcing fair-trade, bio-certified, and/or local products.

In our procurement decisions, we consider the environmental and social impact of products. We assess each product and service, basing our choice of suppliers and products on what is best for the environment and society.

## **CSR Policy**

As part of our CSR policy to create a healthier and better living and working environment, we procure products and materials certified with an environmental label or those that are fair-trade, recyclable, bio-certified, energy-efficient, or locally sourced. We minimize our waste by using compostable materials and separating multiple waste fractions. We select suppliers who implement sustainability policies and require our major suppliers, as part of chain responsibility, to sign a sustainability declaration laying the foundation for the successful implementation of our sustainability policy.

## **Objective**

The goal is to establish guidelines that promote the procurement of sustainable products and services, ensuring that the level of our service remains high. In the procurement of products, we look at long-term savings as opposed to short-term cost savings. We recognize that waste can be reduced by using reusable products and compostable recyclable materials.

By purchasing organic products, we contribute to a pesticide-free world, and by sourcing local products, we contribute to the reduction of CO2 emissions resulting from transportation. In support of this initiative, our company, as an integral part of the procurement process, will consistently ask our suppliers to indicate alternatives on the market and specify which products are fair-trade or eco-certified.

## **Guidelines**

The procurement objectives are reviewed and evaluated at least annually. Presentations are assessed, and new objectives will be formulated.

## **Procurement guidelines include:**

- Selecting less environmentally burdensome and socially responsible F&B products.
- Reducing the use of environmentally burdensome components, such as using environmentally friendly paints with European Ecolabel, EcoCert, NF environment, or natural paints.
- Using cleaning and dishwashing detergents with an eco-label (EU Ecolabel, EcoCert).
- Fire extinguishers with the Milieukeur label.
- Limiting packaging materials by minimizing mono packaging for sugar, coffee creamer, cold cuts, cheese, yogurt, muesli, cornflakes, and pastries.
- Applying sustainable building materials during new construction, renovation, and/or remodeling.
- Ensuring less harmful production processes by procuring less environmentally burdensome paper with an environmental label such as European Ecolabel, Nordic Swan, or Blaue Engel, FSC, or PEFC if they are ECF/TCF certified.
- Reducing waste by separating waste fractions (paper, cardboard, glass, hazardous waste, cartridges, and toners).
- Implementing energy-saving measures by purchasing energy-efficient lighting, such as LED, PL TL, and CFL bulbs (as opposed to halogen and incandescent bulbs). Also, acquiring energy-efficient equipment with an A-label.
- Giving preference to energy-efficient and water-saving equipment when purchasing new appliances.
- Purchasing green energy generated from natural sources, such as wind energy, solar energy, hydropower, and bio-digestion.

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