

Aperam Corporate Policy

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Document Information :

Environmental excellence is promoted by key principles into all our processing activities.

Scope :

Relevant to all employees of Aperam.

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1. Purpose

At Aperam, we strongly believe that a long term successful business is only possible if our most valuable assets are protected : our people and the trust that links us with our surrounding communities. We are convinced that no single activity is so important that we don't have time to perform it safely and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

As part of our roadmap to sustainable excellence, we aim to rank Aperam among the best players of its industry in terms of environmental protection and to exceed environmental regulations. The respect of the environment is also part of our civic responsibility, in particular towards our neighbouring communities and future generations. Therefore we fully adhere to the goals of the Paris Agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and commit to report publicly on the matter. Each one working for Aperam has an important role to play in implementing the guidelines issued by the Company and is responsible and held accountable for the environmental compliance and performance. To reach our highest standards, we must always take into account pollution prevention and resource-efficiency in all our actions and decisions.

Finally, stainless steel is the material of choice for environmental protection: not only is it environmentally friendly, but its lifecycle outperforms other materials as it is endlessly recyclable and can help our customers reach their own Sustainability objectives.

2. Principles

We, as Aperam employees from any Aperam entity, are committed to always strive to :

1. **Operate in compliance** with all relevant environmental laws and regulations, and other company commitments such as internal objectives and procedures with the aim to exceed the compliance level;
2. **Implement environmental management systems** e.g. ISO 14001, to ensure a continuous improvement in the environmental performance, taking advantage of systematic/continuous monitoring and aiming at pollution prevention to ensure no pollution to the environment ;
3. **Develop an efficient management and prevention of** natural risks and major industrial risks ;
4. **Use efficiently our natural resources** (soil, energy, land, water), with the aim to protect biodiversity, natural ecosystems, protected and conserved areas ;
5. **Organise the development, improvement and application of low-impact, environmentally-friendly production methods**, leveraging locally available raw materials,
6. **Monitor and reduce** (whenever technically and economically feasible) :
 - i. greenhouse gas emissions, to mitigate climate change impact ;
 - ii. energy consumption & intensity, via technical improvements and the use of renewable energy ;
 - iii. ducted dust, limiting diffuse dust and other air emissions ;
 - iv. fresh water intakes and ensure a careful monitoring of water discharges ;
 - v. noise around our plants, taking into account our stakeholders' feedback ;
 - vi. all production residues, prior to internal/external reuse or recycling with the aim to reduce the landfilled waste down to zero ;
 - vii. transportation impact on environment ;
7. **Communicate and engage** with :
 - i. Employees, for a company-wide commitment and accountability in environmental performance ;
 - ii. All stakeholders affected by Aperam's operations ;
 - iii. Suppliers and contractors, for awareness and respect of Aperam's environmental policy.