



Environmental policy

UPM-Kymmene recognises the sustainable use of natural resources and environmental protection and management as a true prerequisite for sustainable economic growth, as well as for the well-being of people and society. In all parts of our activity, we aim to minimize the burden on nature and the environment, whether through direct or indirect effects, as far as raw material, production or other parts of products' life cycle are concerned.

Environmental protection and organisation

Corporate governance and leadership are based on the company values of openness, trust and initiative. To take responsibility for all business decisions and actions is a prerequisite for a competitive and profitable business. Environmental care is an integral part of this responsibility. This policy is implemented throughout the company at all levels and activities.

All business units on divisional and operational levels are responsible for ensuring that both targets set within the Group and statutory regulations and other obligations laid down by relevant organisations are met. Management systems in accordance with relevant international standards are used whenever applicable.

Our people - a key resource

Environmental affairs are an inherent part of the work of our employees.

They are given both professional and general training in environmental matters. The aim is to develop everyone's ability to understand the general debate on environmental matters and readiness to take part in it, both in and out of work.

Production and supporting operations

Competitiveness in quality and costs are important factors when developing our products and their production processes. In addition, important objectives are the efficient use of raw materials and energy, the recycleability of our products as raw material, and the possibility to utilise our products and by-products for their energy content or other end-use.

The majority of UPM-Kymmene's production is based on a renewable resource, wood. The Group is committed to forest management and forest harvesting practices based on the principles of sustainable development.

Our aim is to minimise the environmental load of the whole production chain. Best available techniques (BAT) and measures are used when changing and renewing production processes.

Communication

UPM-Kymmene communicates environment related matters with its stakeholders in a reliable, open and timely manner. Communications are carried out using different media according to the needs of the target group.

Development

Environmental legislation, stakeholders' expectations, and know-how on best available techniques will continue to develop. UPM-Kymmene will take account of these developments in its own operations.

The Group will actively encourage its partners to carry out their businesses in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Board of Directors of UPM-Kymmene Corporation has approved the Environmental policy on 18. September 2002.