

Environmental policy statement

We (The Office of Fair Trading) recognise that our day to day work and business activities can impact on the environment in several ways.

We have a duty, and indeed a commitment, to strive to achieve continual improvement in our environmental performance and to actively contribute towards delivery of the government's objectives for sustainable development.

We will do this by:

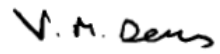
- considering and understanding the environmental impacts of what we do and how we do it
- complying with relevant environmental legislation and codes of practice
- working towards implementing an environmental management system
- setting realistic targets and measurable objectives - and monitoring our performance against these
- building environmental policy and performance criteria into our procurement processes
- ensuring that this policy is communicated and understood by staff at all levels of the OFT and promoting environmentally sensitive behaviour.

Our policy will aim to realise early benefits and improvements through:

- reducing the level of energy and water we consume
- minimising the volume of waste we generate
- implementing more re-cycling initiatives
- developing greener travel and transport plans
- encouraging the use of less polluting forms of transport
- avoiding, as far as we can, the use of environmentally damaging materials or substances.

This policy statement is consistent with the government's environmental strategy and commitment to sustainable development.

The policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains relevant and continues to support delivery of the government's key targets for sustainability and improving the environment.

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