



CSG (ETHICAL & SUSTAINABLE) PROCUREMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

Cleaner Safer Group is a company limited by guarantee without share capital, and has a purpose of working together for a cleaner, safer, more sustainable environment. The group is made up of HETAS and Woodsure. This Procurement Policy is agreed by all companies within the group. It outlines how we and our supply chain will influence procurement choices of goods, works and services to:

- increase value for money;
- reduce consumption of primary resources,
- mitigate impacts on the environment and
- improve the lives of those in the communities which we work.

Our Sustainable Procurement Policy is one of the ways in which Cleaner Safer Group demonstrates its commitment to being the leader in sustainable development.

SCOPE

HETAS and Woodsure under CSG operate their own specialist certification schemes and run contracted schemes on behalf of government, including the Ready to Burn certification schemes for wood and manufactured solid fuels, the Biomass Suppliers List and smoke control exemption/authorisation for appliances and fuels.

In our delivery of scheme certification, we carry out independent impartial assessments on those that are registering their company or products with our schemes. We work flexibly to respond to global challenges and deliver outstanding services. We also work with our suppliers to achieve our ESG and sustainability policies and ensure the sustainability of our supply chain. The choices we make impact people, organisations and the wider environment.

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REFERENCE

| Document Reference | Description |
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| ISO 20400 | Guidance to organizations, on integrating sustainability within procurement |

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RESPONSIBILITIES

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GENERAL POLICY

By operating in line with this policy we will play our part in reducing risks through improved traceability and transparency, safeguarding natural resources and natural capital, delivering value to our customers, improving resource efficiency, and leaving a positive legacy on biodiversity.

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The Cleaner Safer Group Sustainable Procurement Policy's aims and objectives are to:

- Use fewer resources and minimise carbon emissions associated with the goods, works and services we procure. We are committed to a Net Zero pathway.
- Specify and procure materials, products and services that strike a responsible balance between social, economic and environmental factors and generate benefits to society and the economy.
- Where possible procure locally, providing opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), collaborate with the voluntary sector and increase the use of social enterprises.
- Procure products and services from recognised responsible sourcing schemes where possible.
- Use resource-efficient products and give due consideration to end-of-life uses.
- Promote, specify and source materials which can be reused, and consider future deconstruction and recovery of resources to embrace the circular economy to leave a sustainable legacy across the built environment.
- Promote the reduction of packaging waste and the elimination of single use plastics
- Ensure for contractors that fair contract prices and terms are applied and respected, and that ethical, human rights and labour standards are met, in line with the United Nations Global Compact Principles.
- Source goods, works and services that embody our environmental policy, health & safety policy and support the delivery of our Net Zero and Environmental and Social Governance Strategies.
- Enhance the health and wellbeing of the people and communities we work with by promoting materials and products that improve indoor and outdoor environmental quality.

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