

ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY

QUINSHIELD LTD

Quinshield Ltd recognises the critical need to ensure its sustainability by carrying out its purchasing activities in a responsible manner.

We will give preference to purchasing products and services that meet current performance, safety and regulatory requirements. In addition, the Company will continue to source and increase the purchase of products and services that are deemed “environmentally preferable”.

We shall therefore undertake to develop purchasing by having regard to quality and cost, which includes:

- specifying wherever possible and reasonably practicable, the use of environmentally friendly or sustainable materials and products
- promoting the use of long lasting and recyclable products
- not using environmentally damaging products where an alternative (product or method) is available
- investigating if it is necessary to purchase the product
- sourcing and purchasing items from local producers and suppliers, wherever possible
- ensuring that all specifications contain a facility for potential suppliers to submit prices for environmentally friendly alternatives.

Potential explicit commitments to consider:

- Electrical products must be energy efficient, ideally with a rating of A or B
- Paper products should be from FSC certified or recycled sources, 100% in the case of customer-facing documents
- Products should be biodegradable or recyclable where possible
- We try to source from UK producers and manufacturers

All purchasing will promote the use of the least environmentally damaging products, i.e. to place a preference, where design and safety factors allow, on goods which are:

- durable, reusable, refillable or recyclable
- recycled or contain reused materials
- from a proven sustainable source
- energy efficient
- designed to cause minimal damage to the environment in their production, distribution, use and disposal
- economically viable and meet the requirements of value for money and quality.

This policy will be an ongoing procedure to be reviewed at least annually and will consider both changing circumstances and improved environmental awareness within the Company.

Signed:



Date: **January 2024**

This policy will be reviewed in **January 2025**.

