

Olympus Group
Green Procurement Standard



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1. Introduction

In Olympus Group, we established "Olympus Group Environment Policy" in August, 1992 (which was revised in July, 2018) to clearly state the basic stance on environmental issues as a corporate citizen, thus leading it to specific activities.

<Olympus Group Environmental Policy>

All our activities are based on our corporate philosophy, "Making people's lives healthier, safer and more fulfilling." Following this philosophy, the Olympus Group respects people's security and health and the natural mechanisms that realize this. We will contribute to the realization of a sustainable society and sound environment by working to make the environment and economy compatible in our business operations.

1.Participation by All

Each employee enriches their understanding of environmental activities and each one of us will participate in the environmental activities conducted in consideration of the local features.

2.Promotion of Environmental Management

We will maintain the environmental management system and mechanism on a global scale so that we can continuously improve our environmental activities.

3.Compliance with Laws, Regulations, and Social Norms

We will fully comply with the laws and regulations, agreements with our stakeholders, and our voluntary standards in respect to the environment.

4.Reduction of Environmental Impact

Toward the solution of environmental issues, prevention of pollution, sustainable resource use, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and protection of biodiversity, we will reduce environmental impact of our products, services and business activities.

5.Development of Technologies to Foster Harmony with the Environment

We will develop the technologies that contribute to environmental protection and will make use of the results in our manufacturing processes, products and services.

6.Attributing Importance to Environmental Communication

We will proactively dispatch information about our environmental activities within and outside Olympus to deepen mutual understanding with our stakeholders.

In recent years, the concern about the earth environment has become increasingly stronger. With an aim of resolving the global environmental issues such as climate change, resource depletion, control of environment-related substances, etc., we strengthened our environmental activities in the total product life cycle from manufacturing of raw materials to parts production, product production, distribution, use of products and further to disposal of products.

In order to reduce the environmental burdens in the total product life cycle in Olympus Group, it is indispensable to have understanding and cooperation of suppliers. We would like to contribute to realization of the society where sustainable development is possible by creating the products with reduced environmental burdens together with suppliers, for which we rely on your cooperation.

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2. Purpose

This standard has been established to promote, in collaboration with environmentally conscious suppliers, activities that use materials that have a minimal environmental impact in an effort to promote environmentally responsible production and to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society

3. Scope of Application

This standard applies to green procurement activities by the Olympus Group with respect to product-related materials. The following items are collectively referred to as product-related materials:

- (1) Raw materials, auxiliary materials, components and subassemblies to be used for the manufacturing of products;
- (2) The products themselves, as well as their packaging materials and related accessories;
- (3) Dies, machinery, jigs and tools, which could cause environment-related substances to attach, travel, scatter or fall onto any of the items listed in (1) and (2) above;
- (4) Dies, machinery, jigs and tools for production which are exported from Japan to Europe; and,
- (5) Jigs and tools to be used for repairs and servicing.

4. Olympus Group Green Procurement Standard

1) Selection of suppliers

In selecting suppliers, in addition to quality, price, delivery time, service, technical capabilities and legislation/social norms, the transaction with suppliers who are working enthusiastically on the following environment protection activities is given priority. In this connection, we recommend suppliers that the environment management system (EMS) such as ISO14001 is obtained.

- (1) Suppliers which have put in place environment protection policies and a control structure

that ensures the appropriate management thereof;

- (2) Suppliers which disseminate information and administer education on the topic of environmental protection to employees;
 - (3) Suppliers which have a good grasp of the applicable environment-related laws and regulations of the countries and regions in which they do business;
 - (4) Suppliers which have a quantitative grasp on their CO₂ emissions and have rolled out actions to achieve reductions in these emissions;
 - (5) Suppliers which have a quantitative grasp on the amount of waste material they discard and have rolled out actions to achieve reductions in this amount;
 - (6) Suppliers which have established standards and rules for the management of chemical substances in line with the Olympus Group Management Rule on Environment-related Substances in Products and the relevant national laws and regulations, and have a management system in place to maintain these standards and rules.
- 2) Mutual cooperation

In Olympus Group, while we request suppliers to comply with the green procurement standard, we will also take actions which will bring advantages to both by supporting suppliers upon request and strengthening mutual cooperation.

5. Requests to Suppliers

In Olympus Group, we ask suppliers to approach the following issues to observe the green procurement standard.

5.1 Management of Environment-related Substances

1) Compliance with Olympus Group Management Rule on Environmental-related Substances

We would like to ask suppliers to observe the management standard of environment-related substances as specified in “Olympus Group Management Rule on Environment-related Substances in Products” distributed separately.

2) Maintenance of system for managing environment-related substances

To ensure suppliers' compliance with the Management Rule on Environment-related Substances in Products, suppliers are kindly requested to implement a mechanism for an environment-related chemical substance management structure, as set forth in JIS Z7201 Management of Chemical Substances in Products – Principles and Guidelines.

3) Submission of data for environment-related substances

In Olympus Group, we are asking suppliers to provide the information on use/non-use of environment-related substances and its content, Certificate of Non-Use, etc., to ensure that the procured items conform to “Olympus Group Management Rule on Environment-related Substances in Products”. As details will be given from our contact window, submission within the time limit is cordially requested.

5.2 Compliance with Laws and Regulations Relating to Energy Conservation, Resource

Conservation and Recycling

Olympus asks for its suppliers' cooperation in reducing environmental impacts through their full compliance with the laws and regulations relating to energy and resource conservation and recycling, in addition to the requests made by Olympus.

5.3 Cooperation concerning CO₂ reduction activities

We in Olympus Group would like to strive for reducing CO₂ emission in the total life cycle of products together with suppliers with an aim of realizing the society where sustainable development is possible. As we may ask for survey etc. to grasp the volume of CO₂ emission, please cooperate with us in such a case.

6. Contact for Enquiry on This Standard

Please contact the department in charge of distributing this standard.