

# *Sarstedt Environmental Policy Statement*



Sarstedt is committed to environmental sustainability and environmental protection for current and future generations

The success of sustainable economic activities

- includes compliance with all statutory and international standards regarding regulations for environmental protection and
- requires that we respect the environment and carefully use sparse natural resources.

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We recognise environmental responsibility as an essential element of the production of world-class products.

Therefore, environmentally responsible behaviour is one of our principles that we consider along our whole value chain,

- starting from product development
- across resource-preserving production processes,
- preferably using ecologically friendly materials and
- environmentally sound logistics.

Our production facilities are predominantly located in Germany. Our suppliers are primarily situated in Europe and are also regulated by a corresponding sound environmental protective legislation.

To ensure that environmental aspects are taken into account at full scale, the company's environmental protection management systems are integrated in our Quality Management System in accordance with ISO 13485 (Medical Devices QM-Systems). The Sarstedt Quality Management System itself is certified according to ISO 13485 for the Design, Manufacturing and Distribution of Medical Devices and related accessories.

We contribute to environment protection, for example, by low weight products, in-line-recycling systems in production, reduced packaging volume, recycling of packaging, optimised transport, reduced energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emission, using process heat for heating purposes, replacing printed media with electronic data and by many other improvements.

Also, each employee must contribute to the achievement of our environment protection goals by personal environmentally friendly measures at his workplace and is requested to respectfully handle natural resources in the form of

- economical use and, where possible, reuse of goods,
- reduction of energy and water consumption,
- reduction of emissions and waste.

Concerning environmental issues, our employees are supported by their supervisors and Company Officers like the Energy Management Officer (Energy Management EN ISO 50001). The necessary technical equipment and appropriate organisational and personal measures are provided systematically.

The achievement of our environmental protection objectives is controlled by the employees themselves and by their supervisors. These objectives are additionally audited within our Quality Assurance Management as well as by Company Officers to continuously improve the corresponding processes.