

HARVEY & BROCKLESS

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Introduction

At Harvey and Brockless we are committed to minimising the effect that our business practices have upon the local and wider environment. Whilst we comply with all relevant regulatory requirements, we also aim to go beyond this. After closely analysing our business practices and assessing the environmental risks associated with them, we have set out several commitments in relation to the following categories: greenhouse gases; water scarcity and quality; biodiversity; material consumption and waste; product end-of-life; hazardous substances; labelling; and environmental services and advocacy.

Policy Scope

This environmental policy is applicable to all business practices carried out by Harvey and Brockless across all our operational locations.

Implementation

Our environmental policy is communicated to all key stakeholders and is reviewed annually by our Sustainability Manager in alignment with wider developments and in consideration of our own dynamic targets. The commitments set out in this policy also function as the key components that are assessed in our annual environmental reports.

1. Greenhouse Gases

Monitoring the greenhouse gases that are emitted as a result of business practices is an essential component of our environmental management strategy. In recognition of this, we are committed to doing the following as far as possible:

- Monitoring and reporting on 100% of the scope 1, scope 2 and scope emissions that are emitted as a result of our business practices each year.
- Refining the level of data used to account for these emissions year-on-year as to attain the highest level of data possible for each type of activity.
- Setting both short-term and long-term emissions reduction targets in line with the SBTi for Scopes 1, 2 and 3 by 2025.

In alignment with these commitments, we will limit the emissions that result from our business activities as far as possible by:

- Installing more energy efficient technologies across our sites.
- Sourcing our electricity from green energy tariffs.
- Generating our own onsite green energy. This includes the installation of solar PV at our Evesham site by 2025.
- Creating an energy saving culture within our organisation by training 100% of our staff on energy saving techniques by 2026.
- Transition our operational fleets away from traditional combustion vehicles. This includes the leasing of 3 Ford E-Transit Chassis by 2025.

2. Water Scarcity and Quality

In recognition of the global water crisis, we understand that water needs to be utilised as efficiently as possible so that both water quantity and quality can be maintained. In consideration of this, we are committed to doing the following as far as possible:

- Making use of technological innovations within our facilities as to cut down on water use.
- Wasting as little water as possible by ensuring that our facilities undergo regular maintenance so that we can identify leaks before they become a problem.
- Reusing as much water as possible for other purposes and ensuring that water does not go straight into the sewer to be treated unnecessarily.
- Discarding of wastewater we do incur via licenced organisations.
- Creating a water saving culture within our organisation by training 100% of our staff on water saving techniques by 2026.

3. Biodiversity

We understand the role that biodiversity has in mitigating climate change, ensuring food security, fighting diseases, and supporting all life on earth. In consideration of this, we are committed to doing the following as far as possible:

- Applying the principles of environmental stewardship throughout our operations.
- Managing and restoring our sites to ensure land remains of value.
- Safeguarding biodiversity.

4. Materials & Waste

We understand that the utilisation of more sustainable materials and the implementation of an effective waste management system benefits the natural environment and preserves vital resources. We are committed to utilising materials efficiently and reducing waste as far as possible by:

- Only using the minimum amount of packaging necessary to ensure the safety of our products.
- Opting for more environmentally friendly packaging, technologies and materials for use across our operations.
- Adopting the waste hierarchy of waste prevention, reuse of materials, recycling, co-processing, and energy recovery to minimise material waste disposal.
- Discarding of 100% of the waste that we do incur via licenced organisations.
- Ensuring that 100% of our waste is diverted from landfill.
- Creating an environmentally conscious culture within our organisation by training 100% of our staff on waste disposal methods by 2026.

6. Product End-Of-Life

In alignment with our material and waste commitments, we also recognise that it is important that our products are discarded of appropriately when approaching their end-of-life as to ensure that no further unnecessary waste is incurred. We are committed to ensuring that our products are dealt with appropriately when approaching their end of life as far as possible by:

- Ensuring that any products approaching their end-of-life and still within our control are not discarded of needlessly, instead opting for alterative avenues such as selling them at a reduced rate, donating them to charity, or converting them into biofuels where possible.
- Ensuring that our customers are fully informed about the correct disposal solutions for our products via clear labelling on products.

5. Hazardous Substances

We understand that hazardous substances have the potential to harm air quality, water quality and the environment at large. We are committed to safeguarding against these environmental effects by doing the following where possible:

- Using more environmentally friendly alternative cleaning products that contain fewer or no hazardous chemicals.
- Ensuring hazardous substances are disposed of appropriately and making sure no non-biodegradable products go down the drain.

7. Labelling

The health and safety of our customers is a key priority of ours. All of our sites are accredited with BRC Global Standards for Food Safety. We are also committed to ensuring that the health and safety of our customers via clear labelling on our products outlining the following:

- The ingredients in each product, including any allergens present.
- The use-by-date of each product.
- The appropriate storage conditions of each product.
- The recommended cooking instructions for each product (if appropriate).

8. Environmental Services & Advocacy

We understand that as a manufacturer and distributor of speciality foods we are in a favourable position to influence consumer choice towards more environmentally beneficial ends. Therefore, we will do our utmost to advocate for more environmentally friendly products where possible by:

- Upselling more environmentally friendly products to customers.
- Advertising our environmentally conscious and sustainable suppliers on our socials and newsletters.
- Providing customers with more environmentally friendly alternatives products where available.
- Informing customers about the environmental performance of our products so that they can make purchasing decisions on an environmental basis. This includes individual kg of CO₂e per kg/litre of each product where available.
- Ensuring that our customers are fully informed about our reusable tray take-back program.