



Environmental Policy

Environment

Budenberg is addressing concerns for the environment by designing products which provide customers with the ability to minimise their impact on the environment by reducing raw material consumption, waste and energy use or minimising harmful emissions and significant reductions in end of life disposal impact including compliance with new legislation such as the WEEE directive.

The productivity benefits to a wide range of industrial processes are both direct and indirect in saving natural resources. Budenberg is committed to adopting environmentally responsible policies in its internal operations wherever its companies operate through distribution via third parties.

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The environmental policy is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- to invest in the research and development of new products and applications to enable our customers to meet or exceed their environmental aspirations;
- to comply with all relevant environmental laws and implement best practice in all of our activities;
- to manage our resources to minimise raw material usage, dispose correctly of waste, reduce harmful emissions, and promote energy conservation and recycling;
- to require procedures for identifying and minimising any significant environmental risks inherent in manufacturing, distribution and installation processes to be documented, and to ensure that such procedures become part of the definition and validation of new products and processes;
- to raise environmental awareness amongst our employees to enable them to carry out their work with due consideration for the environment;
- to work with our suppliers and business partners to provide confidence that their environmental impacts are managed to standards acceptable to Budenberg;
- to report on our environmental policy on a regular basis to our employees and other interested parties.

Risk assessment identification of significant risk to the business comprises the determination of potential effects on the environment resulting both from product manufacture and operation of the product at the customer's site. The scale and severity of the possible impact is assessed, together with the probability of its occurrence.

Where a significant risk is identified, procedures for storage, normal operating conditions and emergency situations are documented and regularly monitored for compliance with the relevant regulations. A nominated individual is responsible for safety compliance and all employees are informed and trained in safety procedures, depending upon the extent of their involvement with the product presenting the risk.

Procedures also exist for the disposal of contaminated waste and, where appropriate, for recovering used products from customers and disposing of them safely.

Budenberg's welding department facilities includes the storage of flammable and toxic gases. Operating procedures for the movement and use of cylinders containing such gases are in accordance with the appropriate legal requirements and are inspected annually by an independent authority.

Chemical and hazardous waste is disposed of in accordance with written procedures.

In compliance with legislation Budenberg products are required to conform to two new EU Directives: Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Restriction Of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ROHS). WEEE aims to reduce the waste arising from electrical and electronic equipment and improve the environmental performance of all the components involved in the life cycle of electrical and electronic products. ROHS aims to protect human health and the environment by restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in new equipment.

Waste minimisation Environmental awareness is the responsibility of all employees and internal initiatives are in place at our site to reduce energy usage and minimise wastage. These include recycling of waste paper, cardboard, plastic

cups, aluminium cans and mobile phones, reducing energy consumption through the use of timers and sensors to control hot water, air conditioning and lighting, reducing water consumption and re-use of packaging and filling materials.