



Vestas/11th Hour Racing Environmental Purchasing Policy

1.1 Introduction

Vestas/11th Hour Racing has established this environmental purchasing policy to address resource efficiency, transportation, environmental stewardship and responsibility across all aspects of the team. It provides guidelines to ensure the work of Vestas/11th Hour Racing is managed in a way that is economically viable, but is also environmentally sound, socially responsible and ethical.

The team looks to engage with contractors and suppliers who are best placed to deliver outstanding value for money. Sustainability is one of a number of core elements, which together represent what value for money means to Vestas/11th Hour Racing. As a result, the team will place a high priority on environmental, social and ethical issues when procuring products and services for its operations.

This means we want to do business with responsible suppliers and contractors; companies who treat their staff and sub-contractors well, who understand the nature of the products and materials they are supplying, and who demonstrate their responsibility to protect the environment and foster good relations with their local communities.

1.2 Objectives of the Code

- Minimize our environmental impact through better selection and improved usage of products and services.
- Make suggestions in our supply chain, which will improve the sustainability of our vendors' product lines.
- Encourage our suppliers to adopt practices that minimize their environmental impact and deliver community benefits in relation to their own operations and throughout the supply chains in which they operate.
- Work with our partners and suppliers to achieve our common goals and continually improve performance over time.

1.3 Environmental Purchasing Defined

Environmental Purchasing is the sourcing of products and services with environmental, social and ethical issues in mind. We view this as sensible and efficient business practice, which we aim to make integral to the way we work. It helps us to make properly informed and balanced decisions when procuring the products and services needed for a successful team.

Vestas/11th Hour Racing represents an opportunity to demonstrate how a top international race team can make purchasing decisions that are good for business, good for competition and good for the planet. Our vision is to set the example for sustainability in offshore sailing as well as across sport, so other teams around the world will seek to follow.

1.4 Who Should Read the Code

1. Internal staff involved in procurement
2. All members of the sailing team
3. Team partners and official suppliers
4. Existing and prospective suppliers and contractors
5. Other interested parties are also encouraged to read the Code, so that they can better understand our views on sustainability and how they are being implemented.

1.5 What products and services does the Code apply to?

Vestas/11th Hour Racing’s procurement activity will involve many hundreds of individual purchases from a wide range of suppliers and contractors. Our intention is to apply the code comprehensively across all purchasing and sourcing decisions. However, it will be prioritized towards the materials, products and service streams with greatest impact. These include:

1. Travel and transportation
2. Accommodation and food
3. Chemicals (cleaners, solvents, degreasers, paints)
4. Equipment (including office) and associated packaging
5. Furniture and fit-out items
6. Merchandise and associated packaging
7. Paper and printing materials
8. Boat parts and materials not supplied by Volvo Ocean Race Management

1.6 What key issues will the Code seek to address?

The Code is not intended to be prescriptive: it sets a framework to enable consideration of the relevant issues and make informed choices by applying a set of core principles throughout. These principles are:

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| <i>Responsible sourcing:</i> | Ensuring that products and services are sourced and produced under a set of internationally acceptable environmental, social and ethical guidelines and standards. |
| <i>Use of secondary materials (recycled and recovered material)</i> | Maximizing the use of materials with reused and recycled content, minimizing packaging and designing products that can either be readily reused or recycled. |
| <i>Minimizing embodied impacts</i> | Maximizing resource use and energy efficiency in the manufacturing and supply process in order to minimize |

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| <i>(resource and energy efficiency)</i> | environmental impacts. |
| <i>Healthy materials (environmentally safe materials)</i> | Ensuring that appropriate substances and materials are used in order to minimize impact on human health and the environment. |

Our approach to sourcing sustainable products can be based on the following five key questions:

1. Where does it come from?
2. Who made it?
3. What is it made of?
4. What is it packaged in?
5. What will happen to it after the event?

An important aspect of the EPP will be to track the various items utilized for the Volvo Ocean Race and their associated environmental parameters. In addition to the standard inventory categories, we will track information such as: sourcing location, material components, recycled content, reused items, hazardous materials, packaging parameters, Environmental/Sustainability Certifications and end of event plan (e.g. Recycling, Reuse)

1.7 How will the Code be applied?

The Code will be communicated to suppliers and contractors as part of the tendering/ quotation process. Prospective suppliers and contractors are advised to review the requirements of the Code and ensure that relevant areas of their business and supply chain are in compliance with its provisions.

Internal staff will review the Code before and during purchasing decisions.

Core principles of the Code

2. *Responsible Sourcing*

Our Goal

Suppliers and contractors will ensure that products and services are sourced and produced under a set of internationally acceptable environmental, social and ethical guidelines and standards.

Labor Practices

Suppliers and contractors will take appropriate steps to ensure that all locations used in the manufacture and supply of products/services meet the provisions of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code.

Where suppliers and contractors intend to use temporary/agency staff they should seek to ensure that any labor providers supplying such staff are members of the Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) and, if relevant, are licensed by the Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

Health and Safety

Vestas/11th Hour Racing is committed to creating and maintaining a positive health and safety culture, which secures the commitment and participation of all its employees, volunteers, contractors, partners, suppliers and contractors.

Vestas/11th Hour Racing recognizes that this will be achieved not just by the committed leadership of the senior team but through the positive effort of everyone working with and for Vestas/11th Hour Racing. Suppliers and contractors must comply with health and safety legislation, industry standards, and Vestas/11th Hour Racing policies.

All suppliers of services will be required to be actively involved in working safely to mitigate health and safety risks and will report accidents and hazards to Vestas/11th Hour Racing. Unsafe work practices will not be tolerated by Vestas/11th Hour Racing.

Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity and inclusion are integrated into all procurement decisions and Vestas/11th Hour Racing will not tolerate any form of prejudice towards suppliers and contractors

Animal Welfare and Testing

Where products are likely to have been tested on animals, suppliers and contractors should seek advice from Vestas/11th Hour Racing before supplying them.

Suppliers and contractors should also ensure high standards of animal welfare both for animals that are raised for meat and dairy products, and for animals used for work and transport.

Animal and Plant Products

Suppliers and contractors should seek to ensure that all hides used in their products, including packaging, are a by-product of the food industry. Suppliers and contractors must maintain evidence to prove this and be able to provide it to Vestas/11th Hour Racing on request.

Vestas/11th Hour Racing will not procure or license products that make use of any fur, skins, food or food ingredients of plant or animal origin (including fish) of any species specified in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. For seafood, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch should be referred to for sustainable seafood choices world-wide.

Food and beverage sourcing will look to local and organic foods wherever possible. Centralized meal programs and one-pot meals will be utilized. Lower CO₂-impact vegetables and whole grains will be incorporated into meal plans; proteins will be chosen from organic and naturally-raised sources where feasible.

Timber and Timber Products

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification scheme is approved for the purposes of both 'Legal Timber' and 'Sustainable Timber'. Where it can be justifiably demonstrated that it is not possible to supply items from FSC certified sources then timber and timber products which are able to be verified with appropriate documentation in respect to their origin and legality are acceptable.

Publications and Other Printed Materials

Vestas/11th Hour Racing wishes to minimize the use of printed publications and other printed materials as much as possible and, as such, favors the use of electronic publications. However, where this is not possible the supplier will ensure that any organization engaged to undertake printing in relation to Vestas/11th Hour Racing's work is either certified to ISO 14001 or incorporates an established environmentally-friendly printing practice or is registered with EMAS.

Use of laminate and ultraviolet varnish and waxed finishes should be avoided. Printers should also demonstrate the measures that they are taking to reduce their environmental impacts (for example, use of technologies like waterless offset design and print processes, or use of vegetable-based inks). NOTE: when one gets into the particulars some argue the UV varnish water base coats are safe

Paper and card should be produced using non-chlorinating bleaching methods and aim to achieve 100 per cent post-consumer waste. Any virgin fiber used must be from FSC-certified sources. Other materials used should comply with requirements outlined in the Healthy materials section.

Environmental and Sustainability Related Certified Products

Vestas/11th Hour Racing will seek to procure products that carry a certification mark related to

sustainability, such as those certified by Energy Star, SaferChoice, GreenSeal, the Rainforest Alliance, or other appropriate standards, where they represent value for money and do not compromise other sustainability objectives.

Industry Specific Standards

Suppliers and contractors will advise Vestas/11th Hour Racing of any relevant standards that they are either required to, or intend to, comply with, which are specific to the product or service to be supplied.

3. Use of secondary materials (recycled and recovered materials)

Our Goal

Vestas/11th Hour Racing encourages the use of materials with reused and recycled content. We also support the use of products that are designed with minimal packaging and which can either be reused or recycled. In addition we aim to utilize a significant amount of reused equipment and tools from previous racing efforts.

Reducing waste

Vestas/11th Hour Racing is committed to reducing waste, composting, achieving high recycling with the aim of diverting 75% of our waste from the landfill. Where practical, all products and packaging will be able to be reused, recycled or recovered.

Vestas/11th Hour Racing may require suppliers and contractors to prepare appropriate Management Plans to outline how they will support our aim to divert 75% of waste from the landfill.

Compostable products and packaging should only be used where it is not possible to reuse or recycle such items. Suppliers and contractors must retain appropriate documentation in respect to any compostable products and packaging supplied.

Unless otherwise agreed with Vestas/11th Hour Racing, oxo-degradable products and packaging (including film wrapping) are not permitted to be supplied.

Recycled Content

Suppliers and contractors will maximize the use of recycled content in products and packaging. Suppliers and contractors must retain information on the recycled content associated with products and packaging supplied. They may need to make this information available, upon request, to Vestas/11th Hour Racing.

Packaging

Use of primary, secondary and tertiary packaging should be minimized and made from materials that can be reused, recycled, or recovered by commonly available methods available to the team. For example, the use of polystyrene should be avoided as it cannot be easily reused or recycled.

Suppliers or contractors will provide Vestas/11th Hour Racing, upon request, with all necessary information about any primary, secondary and tertiary packaging supplied with products and/or used.

Preferred suppliers and contractors may be asked to supply Vestas/11th Hour Racing information on packaging process and materials so as to minimize any excess or non-compliant packaging relating to the products and services provided for subsequent reuse or recycling.

Electrical and Electronic Equipment Waste

Vestas/11th Hour Racing will work with manufacturers to take back items (where feasible) for subsequent reuse, recycling, recovery or remanufacture or the team will utilize Certified Electronics Recyclers.

Suppliers and contractors should provide Vestas/11th Hour Racing, upon request, with all necessary information about how items have been dealt with at the end of life.

Vestas/11th Hour Racing looks to source items, which are reviewed or certified under internationally recognized environmental standards and agencies. Programs such as EPEAT, RoHS, ENERGY STAR, and Green Electronics Council will be utilized to make environmentally sensitive choices where feasible.

4. Minimizing Resources and Energy

Our Goal

Throughout the manufacturing and supply process, suppliers and contractors will maximize resource and energy efficiency in order to reduce environmental impacts.

Environmental management

Suppliers and contractors will make every effort to limit the environmental impact of their business operations and will have appropriate programs in place to help achieve this objective, which includes the preparation of Management Plans where appropriate. Activities to help limit environmental impact may include using raw materials from sustainable sources, managing waste and resources in an environmentally responsible manner, minimizing impact on local air quality, minimizing noise, minimizing their water and energy usage and using clean energy.

Where products of farm origin are supplied, the supplier should ensure that such products have been grown or raised to high standards of environmental protection. Vestas/11th Hour Racing also encourages its suppliers and contractors to source local, regional and seasonal products where possible.

Supply of products

Wherever possible, suppliers and contractors will seek fully to exploit opportunities for resource and energy optimization and efficiency. For example, supplying products rated in accordance

with recognized equivalent standards, such as PC monitors that meet current 'Energy Star' requirements or are under EPEAT ratings.

Chilling or cooling equipment containing substances with a global warming potential (GWP) of 150 or more in composition should be avoided (see Healthy materials section). The Team will look to source equipment, which exceeds the current EPA standards.

Transport, equipment and plant

Vestas/11th Hour Racing encourages suppliers and contractors to use low or zero emission transport modes. Suppliers and contractors will aim to optimize transport efficiency and/or minimize transport distances.

5. Environmentally Safe Materials

Our Goal

Vestas/11th Hour Racing encourages the use of substances and materials that represent a low risk to human health and the environment. Where practicable, suppliers and contractors will seek to use such substances and materials in the products and services they supply. All materials and substances must at a minimum comply with relevant legislation.

Restricted substances and materials

Upon request, suppliers and contractors will need to confirm to Vestas/11th Hour Racing that all substances used in the production of products are in compliance with the pre-registration and/or registration provisions of the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation, in line with the imposed timelines and volume threshold. In addition, current product certifications including Safer Choice, Green Seal, RoHS, and EPEAT will be utilized to source more environmentally sensitive products.

Suppliers and contractors will, as far as is possible, minimize the concentrations of heavy metals and brominated fire retardants in products and packaging being supplied.

Suppliers and contractors will keep details of the substances and materials associated with products and services supplied. Where required, they will also make available material safety data sheets and risk assessments.

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