



## MAGB Environmental Policy

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### **Background**

The MAGB recognises a commitment to minimise the use of natural resources and its impact on the environment through the operations of its member companies. Great strides have been made to date in reducing energy consumption and water use, two of the major resources employed in malting. Individual member companies have developed their own commitments to sustainable practices; details can be found on member company websites. This document presents a commitment at sector level and encompasses activities both from members companies and also the MAGB as a facilitator. It is the first time a sector policy has been published and will be reviewed and updated annually.

### **Commitment**

#### **The MAGB will:**

1. Develop and maintain a sector policy for environmental issues and to make this public by including on the MAGB website.
2. Pledge a commitment to actively participate in the Joint Industry-Government decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency Action Plan.
3. Promote UK government and European Commission initiatives aimed at reducing the environmental impact of our activities within the sector (e.g. the IEEA).
4. Encourage supply chain partners to reduce their impact on the environment and contribute to helping malting company member companies meet their environmental targets.
5. Work with the Environment Agency to ensure that changes to legislation are rapidly disseminated to malting company members and to ensure good engagement with Consultations on new legislation.
6. Work with our customer stakeholders to, where possible, align our environmental policy to help with achieving their environmental targets.
7. Where possible, and where no commercially sensitive data is included, aggregate member company environmental data to report on sector progress against measurable targets.
8. Encourage sharing of 'best practice' amongst malting company members both within and beyond the sector.

#### **MAGB members will:**

1. Comply with all relevant legal requirements related to environmental issues.
2. Make public individual company policy documents on environmental policy when requested.
3. Brief company environmental policy to all employees and provide training as appropriate.
4. Develop and maintain systems for continually monitoring environmental performance, making these public where appropriate.
5. Apply principles of Best Available Technique where possible.
6. Prevent incidents of pollution and breaches of consent agreements through training of staff and application of appropriate control measures.
7. Minimise consumption of raw materials and packaging materials.

8. Have a strategy for continuous improvement in energy efficiency which is monitored and reported. This will be aligned with government targets developed through Climate Change Agreements.
9. Reduce emissions to air and water and minimise the land filling of solid waste and encourage where possible the re-cycling of suitable waste streams.
10. Ensure that all major changes to manufacturing plant consider environmental impacts and seek to comply with this policy.
11. Measure carbon footprint and use it to guide energy efficiency and capital investment.
12. Apply pressure in the supply chain to influence the environmental programmes of suppliers.

**Signed by:**



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