

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Reconomy is an international business using technology and skilled colleagues to help our customers reduce and manage waste, optimise their supply chains and make the transition towards the circular economy. With a vision of a waste-free world and a purpose to enable the circular economy, Reconomy delivers multiple tech-enabled services organised into three groupings – Recycle, Comply and Re-use.

Plastic waste is one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today. The UK government estimates that there are currently more than 150m tonnes of plastic in the world's oceans, and that some 100,000 sea mammals and one million birds die from eating or becoming tangled in plastic waste each year. As a responsible business operating in the resource and recycling industry Reconomy is committed to taking leadership on tackling the plastic waste problem by taking responsibility for its own impact on the environment and society where we work and operate. Reconomy will work towards minimising use of single-use plastics across its own operations and services and by all colleagues and pro-actively work with customers and suppliers to find positive solutions for reducing unnecessary waste plastics.

WHAT ARE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS?

Single-use plastics can include any disposable plastic item which is designed to be used only once e.g., plastic bags, disposable utensils, beverage containers, coffee capsules, wet wipes, razor blades, plastic drinks bottles, food wrappers, bottle tops, straws, stirrers and plastic lids. (From October 2023 the UK will follow the EU and it will be illegal to supply the following single-use plastics: plates, bowls, trays, containers, cutlery and balloon sticks).

IMPLEMENTATION

To support Reconomy to become a single-use plastics free business we commit to:

- Identify and measure the amount of single-use plastics used / purchased (tonnes) and target a reduction to zero
- Work with colleagues to ensure that single-use plastics are eliminated across our offices
- Support our customers in their efforts to go 'single-use plastic' free in their buildings
- Through our sustainability training programmes, communicate the importance of protecting our urban, rural and marine environments, and support and promote positive initiatives and actions for reducing plastic waste
- Work with our event organisers to eliminate single-use plastics across all business events and meetings
- As part of our volunteering programme support communities and litter-pick initiatives to ensure our open spaces are free from plastic litter
- Use government legislation that regulates against the use of single-use plastics to support our efforts where we can
- Require all our non-operational suppliers to minimise the use of single-use plastics in their service provision and find sustainable alternatives (where appropriate)
- Where the use of plastics is unavoidable, Reconomy will encourage the use of reusable plastics
- Where practicable we will use our influence to support and enable manufacturers to recycle, make recyclable and recycled content plastic products
- Use our industry position to share best practice and information about plastic free initiatives, to suppliers, customers and other stakeholders.

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Reconomy will work to embed these commitments into the sustainable events guidance, sustainable procurement policy, and into other key Reconomy strategies, policies and plans.

Signature:



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