

APCO Performance Summary

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About the APCO Annual Report & Performance

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2023 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of January, 2022 - December, 2022 you have achieved a **Beyond Best Practice** overall performance level.

1 Getting Started 2 Good Progress 3 Advanced 4 Leading 5 Beyond Best Practice

Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 **Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 **Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 **Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 **Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 **Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

Criteria 1: **Governance & Strategy** This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.

Criteria 2: **Design & Procurement** This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).

Criteria 3: **Recycled Content** This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.

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Criteria 4:

Recoverability

This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.

Criteria 5:

Disposal Labelling

This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.

Criteria 6:

On-site Waste

This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.

Criteria 7:

Problematic Materials

This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report.

Criteria 1

Governance & Strategy

Does your organisation have a strategy that includes goals for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?

 Yes No

Supporting Evidence

2023-2024 goals:

Approach toward 100% recyclable materials

- Convert inhouse brand paper wraps to a 100% consumer recyclable paper source

INCORPORATE RECYCLED CONTENT

- Convert inhouse brand refill bottle to use 100% Recyclable rPET plastic

Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.

Criteria 2

Design & Procurement

Do you use the SPGs to review your packaging?

 Yes No

Are you keeping records of the outcomes of your reviews using the SPGs?

 Yes No

Please provide an example of a positive outcome you have achieved.

Design to minimise litter.

1. Machine optimisation and packaging order controls improved, reducing wastage from 10% to less than 5% for individual cartons/paper wraps.

How many reviews did you conduct during the reporting period?

2

Supporting Evidence

Sustainable Packaging review checklist used to assess products on record.

Criteria 3

Recycled Content

Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

Yes No

Does any of your packaging contain recycled materials?

Primary

Yes No

Secondary

Yes No

Tertiary

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

Procurement evidence available to show sourcing of recycled materials.

Criteria 4

Recoverability

Have you investigated the recoverability of your packaging to look for opportunities for greater reuse or recycling?

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

In Soap Solutions, we have Policy and Procedure to review the recoverability of our packaging as shown in the document of 'Soap Solutions Sustainable Packaging Policy and Procedure'. Detailed example such as the refill pouches for our liquid soap products that results in a large reductions in materials use (reduce plastic by 80%) and transport costs.

Criteria 5

Disposal Labelling

Do you provide disposal information for your packaging on-pack?

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

In Soap Solutions, we use the labels with a Recycling Symbol on for our soap bar and liquid personal care products.
For our contract customers, we educate them on the correct symbol to use for their products.

Criteria 6

On-site Waste

Do you have a system to collect and recycle used packaging generated at your facilities (e.g. office, warehouse etc.)

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

1 example

Use of Rongda RD325 Cardboard Box Recycler. We transforms unused/ broken cardboard boxes from manufacturing into quality packaging and void fill for our online orders. As a result, we reduce extra

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Criteria 7

Problematic Materials

Which of the following activities do you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- Conduct regular clean-ups on-site
- Participate in Business Clean-Up Day
- Redesign packaging to eliminate components that may have the propensity to become litter
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

At Soap Solutions we have a regular clean-up-on-site day. (usually 1 hour every Friday afternoon) as means of promoting clean behavior.

We actively seek opportunities to redesign packaging components to have maximum consumer recyclability. (Currently seeking options to have 100% recyclable soap wraps.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

"Clean-up-on-site' policy/ Procedure.

Additional Information

- No additional information

Please tell us about any innovative packaging sustainability initiatives you have implemented during your chosen 12 month reporting period.

Please tell us of any constraints you may have had during your chosen 12 month reporting period that has impacted on your packaging sustainability initiatives and Covenant obligations.

Full Open Responses

Criteria 1 - Supporting Evidence

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ENSURE COMPATIBILITY OF LABELS FOR RECYCLING

- With each new bottled product developed, we design labels to suit.

Ongoing commitment to educate contract customers on our sustainable packaging options.

'Soap Solutions Sustainable Packaging Strategies' policy available.

Criteria 6 - Supporting Evidence

1 example

Use of Rongda RD325 Cardboard Box Recycler. We transform unused/ broken cardboard boxes from manufacturing into quality packaging and void-fill for our online orders! As a result, we reduce extra purchasing of packaging material and reduce landfill from wastage.