

Sustainability Policy

1. Our Sustainability Mission Statement and Operations Summary

Dutton and Gavin (Textiles) Ltd are committed to minimising the impact of our activities on the environment.

We are a supplier of quality blind fabrics and components in the United Kingdom. As a supplier we must remain mindful of the impact on the environment caused by the products we sell, how we store the goods and the methods we transport to our customers. As a buyer we must ensure our suppliers meet and preferably exceed all environmental legislation with the manufacture of fabrics.

2. Our Commitment To Environmental Performance.

Dutton and Gavin (Textiles) Ltd commit to an annual review of our performance of all activities in their relation to the impact upon the environment.

The next Environmental Performance Review will be completed in January 2019

3. Our compliance with Environmental Legislation

3.1 Energy usage (incl. water).

3.1.a Our Premises

Dutton and Gavin (Textiles) Ltd share premises with sister company allowing us to significantly limit the impact on the environment than having two separate premises.

Our factory meets UK regulations for Environmental impact and is assessed regularly by our Health & Safety Consultant.

3.1.b Transportation

Customer orders are sent using courier companies rather than our own vehicles to lower our carbon footprint.

We are currently using TNT who have a rigorous set of environmental policies and management framework in place based upon the international ISO 14001 standard. See TNT website for more details - https://www.tnt.com/express/en_gb/site/company/corporate-responsibility.html#

3.2 Recycling and waste management.

3.2.a Re-use

We aim to reuse most of the packaging materials, our fabrics and components are received in. This includes:

- Cardboard packaging tubes used for fabric rolls are cut down to size for resending out orders.
- Polythene wrapping is kept to maintain fabric life before being reused for new orders.
- Cardboard boxes reused for new orders.

3.2.b Recycling / Business Waste

We outsource our Mixed Recycling to the waste management solution company, Biffa, through their skip hire and Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) collection service. More information can be found at their website - <https://www.biffa.co.uk/business-waste/our-services/recycling-collection/>

4. Our Expectations From Suppliers.

It is Dutton and Gavin (Textiles) Ltd Policy that all suppliers are like minded to ourselves and adhere to the regulations set out by UK Environmental legislation or for companies out with the UK – their own governing regulations.

These expectations include:

- Fabrics made from materials from certified sustainable sources (e.g. FSC and PEFC certified suppliers)
- Recognised Anti-slavery and Exploitation regulations are adhered to.
- Fabrics are selected on their basis to maximise heat and glare control reducing the amount of energy required to regulate internal temperatures in domestic and commercial buildings.

5. Employee Awareness and Training.

Employees are given Environmental Impact Awareness training upon induction to the company.

Ongoing refresher training is scheduled each January which includes lessons and findings from our Environmental Performance Review.

6. Policy Responsibilities and Review Schedule

Environmental Policy and the management of sustainability is the responsibility of Senior Manager, Laura Aird.

This policy was created in May 2018. It is scheduled to be reviewed in May 2019.