

Compliance overview

2020/21 UK & Ireland



Accreditations and Participations

The breadth of Office Depot UK's accreditations and participations demonstrate a genuine commitment to sustainability.



ISO 14001, ISO9001 and ISO45001

In 2019 we transitioned from Occupational Health & Safety Management System Standard OHSAS18001 to ISO45001. This meant we could incorporate our environment, quality and health and safety management systems into an Integrated Management System, which is independently audited by Lloyd's Register to ensure compliance.



ISO 14064-1

As part of Office Depot's commitment to third party verification of its environmental data the annual UK & Ireland greenhouse gas footprint report is independently assured to ISO14064-1. Details of our footprint can be seen below.



Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme

FISP demonstrates that a furniture manufacturer or reseller is taking its environmental and corporate social responsibility obligations seriously.



World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Timber Scorecard - 2019

Once again we achieved the highest possible rating of three trees, earning the company recognition for its commitment to responsibly sourcing timber products. The WWF Timber Scorecard 2019 is a three-part procedure which determines the dedication of businesses in acting in a more environmentally friendly manner with regards to timber products. Office Depot has maintained its high score, after first achieving 'three trees' back in 2017. A total of 122 businesses were involved in the report and only 43 achieved the highest rating.

Waste Management

Site Waste (tonnes)	2019			2020		
	UK	IE	UK & IE	UK	IE	UK & IE
Total Waste	1318	24	1342	996	77	1072
Total Recycled & Recovered	1244	22	1266	902	22	926
Recycling %	94%	92%	94%	91%	28%	86%
Total Waste to Energy	74	2	76	94	55	149
Waste to Energy	6%	8%	6%	10%	72%	14%
Total Diverted from Landfill*	1318	24	1342	996	77	1072
Landfill Diversion %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*excludes sanitary waste. Leicester recycling rates based on MRF average

Empty Ink & Toner Cartridges Returned for Recycling / Remanufacture in 2020



Zero waste to landfill was achieved for the sixth consecutive year.



Customers can return empty toner and inkjet cartridges for remanufacture or recycling.

Add code **5006610** to your order for a **free recycling box**. When full a registered waste carrier will collect the box.

UK & IE	Number Collected
Fusers	30
Inkjets	42,643
Ink tanks	919
Lasers	20,429
Misc	10,100
Waste	14,648
Total	88,769

Energy Consumption

Our greenhouse gas report is independently verified to ISO14064-1:2006 by SGS. Verification number CCP254913/12/06/2020.

Actual Usage Comparison	Tonnes CO2e			
	2020	2019	2018	2017
Scope 1 (gas and diesel oil, refrigerants, owned delivery vehicles, propane, fire extinguishers and company cars)	1238	1786	2004	3070
Scope 2 (purchased electricity)	201	420	2785	3620
Scope 3 (third party deliveries, hire cars, business travel Inc. hotel stays and electricity transmission and distribution)	5661	6050	6354	6098

From 2019 scope 2 has been calculated on market based emissions, as purchased renewable energy. Homeworking gas and electricity, Waste and Water added to scope 3 emissions from 2020. Office only buildings gas and electricity added to scope 1 and 2 emissions respectively from 2020.



Carbon Neutral Deliveries

In 2020 Office Depot purchased 6,100 tonnes of carbon offset certificates from ClimatePartner to offset the emission created by the transport of goods from our warehouses to customers in the UK and Ireland. Therefore enabling us to provide carbon neutral deliveries to our customers. This initiative continues in 2021 with investment in Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) offsets in wind energy in Tamil Nadu, forest protection with sustainable Brazil nut cultivation and cook stoves providing families in Eastern Zambia access to efficient cooking methods.



Wind energy in Tamil Nadu

The project consists of 24 wind turbines with a total output of 31.5 MWh. The facilities are located in the Tirupur, Tirunelveli and Anthiyur districts in the state of Tamil Nadu. The electricity from the wind farm displaces the electricity from fossil-fueled power plants and thus promotes the expansion of renewable energies in India.



Forest protection with sustainable Brazil nut cultivation

In this project, 400 local families are working together to protect 300,000 hectares of primary rainforest in the Amazon region. The forest is their livelihood and habitat for countless animal and plant species. However, illegal deforestation is also increasing due to the increasing development of new roads. Through this project, the families receive land rights and thus sustainable sources of income, for example through the cultivation of Brazil nuts. Illegal logging thus becomes unattractive. The small farmers receive micro-credits, support with marketing and transport and even guidance in further processing methods, such as the production of soap and oil.

Felicitas Ramirez from the municipality of Alegria:

“ Thanks to the project we can take care of our forest and ourselves. From now on everything will be better. ”



Efficient cooking in Zambia

This project saves greenhouse gas emissions by giving families in eastern Zambia access to efficient cooking methods. Traditionally, most families in Zambia cook on three stones over an open fire. A lot of energy is lost without any use and cooking as well as gathering firewood is very time-consuming. In addition, there are harmful pollutant emissions and accidents with burns. The new furnaces have an insulated combustion chamber and are covered with brick stones. On average, they use 50 percent less firewood, thus saving time and money. Thanks to the carbon finance, the stoves are sold at a subsidised price and even the poorest households can afford them. A project team explains the advantages of the new stoves to the families and supports them in switching from the traditional to the new cooking method. So far, some 40,000 households and 200,000 people have benefited from the project.

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