

Policy Statement - As a signatory to the Covenant De Bortoli Wines has committed to developing and implementing a Buy Recycled policy.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to the purchase of all components for finished products and/or materials conducted for, or on behalf of De Bortoli Wines. Where a large amount of our components already contain recycled material, our focus is to increasing the percentage of recycled content through supplier collaboration.

The purpose of this policy is to implement a 'Buy Recycled' procurement practice as part of De Bortoli Wines' obligations to the Australian Packaging Covenant and sustainability objectives generally. De Bortoli Wines is committed to environmental improvement and minimising our impacts on the environment.

Policy Principles

De Bortoli Wines will work with customers, suppliers and governments to develop innovative products, recycling solutions and services that reduce waste and greenhouse emissions, consider and minimise any life cycle impacts of our products and efficiently utilise natural resources.

1. Operational Use - Buying recycled materials and packaging to improve the environmental performance of products

- for use in preparation of products for the market
- for use in the packaging that contains products
- for use in distribution transport packaging

2. Organisational Use - Buying recycled products for use in the workplace. For example:

- furniture with recycled components
- stationery incorporating recycled content
- phones made from recycled plastic
- *consider recycled glass in driveways & landscaping*

Policy Content

De Bortoli Wines will:

- Purchase products and materials with recycled content wherever deemed practicable and environmentally beneficial
- Substitute existing products and materials with recycled content wherever deemed practicable and environmentally beneficial
- Require contractors and suppliers, where practicable and environmentally beneficial, to specify the quantity of recycled materials within the products and/or materials to be supplied

Definitions:

Environmentally beneficial: Minimise the overall environmental impact based on sound science and a whole-of-lifecycle approach.

Practicable: reasonably capable of being accomplished; feasible; meets cost, performance, safety and regulatory requirements.

Recycled content: the proportion, by mass, of recycled material in a product or packaging. Only pre-consumer and post-consumer materials are considered to be recycled content (AS/NZS ISO 14021:2000,

Environmental Labels and declarations-Self declared environmental claims).

Buying recycled components for finished products and/or materials conducted for, or on behalf of De Bortoli Wines where following barriers might have to be taken into account:

Availability – There is simply not enough recycled material available to produce all of the products we currently use.

Cost – Due in part to availability, the costs of some recycled material may be significantly greater than virgin material.

Performance – In some cases, recycled material lacks the performance integrity offered by virgin material.

Safety – As recycled material has passed through another process it may be unsuitable in products that are in contact with food or for medical products.

Environmental – All decisions to choose a recycled product or material should be based on sound science and a whole-of-lifecycle approach.

Benefits to buying recycled content products are:

- They reduce demand on virgin resources
- We are creating markets for recycled content products – commercial demand for recycled content products helps expand recovery and recycling markets
- Branding and marketing opportunities aligned with the perceived environmental benefits of recycled content products
- There are potential economic benefits to using some recycled material, particularly those with well-developed markets such as paper and cardboard.

Implementation and reporting approaches: incorporation into approved supplier program and/or review process of recycled content in components regularly procured to gauge increase of recycled content.

The sustainability of components will be reviewed at the development stage (Demonstrated implementation for APC Guidelines PD Projects).

Related documents

DBW Sustainable Packaging Guidelines Agreement

DBW Procurement Policy

DBW Approved supplier program

DBW Sustainability Projects

References

1. Sustainable Packaging Guidelines - 2020 version *"Humanity has the ability to make development sustainable – to ensure that it meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."* - World Commission on Environment and Development.