

Environmental

Policy



Objective


To state the intentions and general directions related to the company's environmental performance and serve as a guide for establishing objectives and the environmental management goals that guide the organisation's continuous improvement.

Introduction

Almacenes Éxito S.A. is part of South America's leading food retail platform. We are committed to protecting the environment by implementing actions to prevent, mitigate and compensate for the environmental impacts generated in the development of the operation. In addition, to comply with legal requirements and other requirements and the implementation of programs and actions for continuous improvement, which promote a friendly culture with the environment of employees, collaborators, customers, suppliers, and community, achieving an increasingly better relationship with the environment and contributing to the sustainable development of the business.

Almacenes Éxito's Environmental policy is based on the principles of transparency, compliance, good governance, sustainability, and good relationship; which are aligned with the corporate values defined by the organisation's senior management; therefore, in 2022, the modification of the Environmental policy was submitted to and approved by the Sustainability Committee of Board of Directors.

In this way, the Environmental Policy is defined with the following guidelines:

-  Ensure compliance with environmental legislation and regulations applicable to the operation and the agreements signed with interested parties.

- Promote the efficient use of resources such as water and energy through production alternatives and cleaner technologies.
- Promote the minimisation of waste production by adopting good operational practices and circular economy principles.
- Generate environmental awareness in all employees, customers and stakeholders, encouraging responsible consumption practices and habits.
- Measure, reduce, mitigate and offset the carbon footprint generated by the company's operations.
- Generate guidelines for the transition of the beef business towards a sustainable livestock farming perspective with suppliers, considering production activities that are in harmony with the environment and social development.
- Promote the development of sustainable supply chains, mainly for the palm oil and beef chains, aligned with the challenge of zero-deforestation framed in national and international voluntary agreements, of which the company is an active part.
- To make known the guidelines, directives and definitions of the Real Estate Vice-Presidency of Grupo Éxito regarding the sustainable construction strategy of the area for the company's projects and assets.

Scope

This policy covers the activities of Almacenes Éxito S.A. and its value chain and involves suppliers and contractors.

Policy

The environmental policy of Almacenes Éxito S.A. is articulated with the following Sustainable:



Environmental Management System

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Declare the general directions related to the environmental performance expressed formally by the company and serve as a guide for establishing objectives and goals of the Environmental Management System that guide the organisation's continuous improvement.



- 👁️ To structure and implement the company's Environmental Management System under NTC ISO 14001:2015 over the next two years.

Responsible production and consumption

Promote efficiency in using materials in our production and consumption systems by implementing innovation and partnerships and promoting business models that respond to the fundamentals of sustainable development.





- 👁️ Implement the packaging policy.
- 👁️ Support through the donation of usable material to the Éxito Foundation; the money obtained from the sale of the material is

destined to fulfil the social corporate MEGA, zero chronic malnutrition in Colombia in 2030.

-  Promote with stakeholders the development of products, goods and services that guarantee environmental and/or sustainable components.
-  Implement and develop activities to increase the shelf life of marketed products and reduce food waste.

Climate Action



Develop guidelines and implement climate change adaptation in the company to reduce and manage the carbon footprint, enhance opportunities, and mitigate risks associated with climate change.

-  Measure the carbon footprint of scopes 1, 2 and 3 and implement mitigation and offsetting strategies to achieve the corporate mega-environmental goal of carbon neutrality (scopes 1 and 2) by 2035.
 - Scope 1: Manage consumption of refrigerant gases and fossil fuels.
 - Scope 2: Manage energy efficiency and incorporate renewable energies into our surfaces.
 - Scope 3 - Other sources: progress measuring indirect emissions in the supply and distribution chain.
-  Manage the risks and opportunities associated with climate change.
-  Sustainable Mobility: Enable electric and active mobility in the Retail and Real Estate business areas, depending on availability.
-  Distribution and Logistics: Promote efficiency and use of fuels with lower carbon content.

Forest management






Generate guidelines for the business transition of products at risk of deforestation towards a sustainable perspective hand in hand with

suppliers, considering productive activities harmonised with the environment and social and economic development.

-  Sustainable Livestock: Offer guidelines to the beef business to structure purchasing standards considering sustainable criteria and develop alliances with independent organisations not linked to the company to monitor and certify Sustainable Livestock criteria.
-  Through economic compensation, Grupo Éxito promotes that families and communities living in ecosystems can dedicate themselves to caring for them and preventing their destruction, improving the quality of life of rural families and communities, strengthening their productive projects and conserving strategic ecosystems

Sustainable construction

To disseminate the guidelines, directives and definitions of the Real Estate Vice-Presidency of Grupo Éxito concerning the area's sustainable construction strategy for the company's projects and assets.

-  Plan, build and operate new projects with sustainability standards, thus mitigating the negative impact generated throughout the life cycle of such tasks.
-  Assess assets in operation by identifying the main issues so that actions are progressively implemented to reduce the impact of projects that were not planned and built to sustainability standards.
-  Initiatives should be based on LEED certification objectives and/or the specifications and guidelines defined by Viva's Technical Management.
-  Implement the real estate sustainability strategy.
-  Integrate our contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and customers in achieving the zero waste management system in the Viva Malls.

Environmental education

Develop and implement a communications plan to disseminate and encourage a change of awareness to generate sustainable habits in the different stakeholders.

- Disseminate and encourage customers to adopt responsible, local and sustainable consumption habits.
- Disseminate and incorporate the environmental culture within the organisation through awareness-raising, training and implementation of manuals and instructions that guide the proper procedure with good operational and administrative practices.
- Promote within the organisation and with stakeholders the culture of climate change.
- Develop the company's supply chain by establishing criteria associated with the three sustainability focuses for choosing suppliers in the categories related to the goods and services acquired by the company.

DOCUMENTOS RELACIONADOS

[Climate Change Policy](#)

[Packaging Policy](#)

[Sustainable Real State Policy](#)

[Sustainable Livestock Declaration](#)

[Agreement of wills for zero deforestation in the palm oil chain in Colombia](#)

[Agreement on zero deforestation in the meat chain](#)

[The consumer's Good Forum](#)

[Global Compact](#)

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