

1994 KEY AREA: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Each company should review the potential impact of its activities on the environment. As a minimum it will comply with all applicable laws but the company should also be pro-active, meeting best standards of practices to safeguard the environment. As a means of measuring progress, all Operating companies should use the Road Mapping principle set out in the Environmental Manual.

Aspect of the environmental plan should include:-

- Improving the impact of factories on the environment including Effluent, Air and Odour Emission, Noise, Dust, CO₂ releases etc.
- Plans to meet the BATCo Guidelines on Environmental Issues, including maximum residual limits (MRL) of permitted agricultural chemicals on tobacco products.
- In companies where leaf is caused to be grown, the plan should include:-
 - Meeting self sufficiency targets in wood fuel usage.
 - Strategy for meeting BATCo Guidelines for the use of agricultural chemicals.
 - Any changes in the use of fertilisers that will impact on the environment and include any other major areas of concern e.g. Irrigation, Soil erosion, etc.
- Proposals to reduce packaging material usage and for minimising, re-using or recycling of solid waste.
- Identifying emerging issues. Public Affairs department should include strategies for responding and communication on all issues.

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