

## National Veterinary Services

### **Delivering excellence and innovation in animal health through... Our Commitment to the Environment**

We are the UK's market leader in veterinary wholesaling and distribution, committed to delivering a positive difference to animal health through high quality services and products.

We are aware of the impact we have as a Logistics company and at National Veterinary Services we are committed to reducing the impact on the environment through our business activities.

We are ESOS compliant and include our Environmental performance details as per the new streamlined energy and carbon reporting (SECR) requirements.

We focus on a number of areas that can make a positive impact to our people, customers and the environment:

#### **Minimising Waste**

We follow the rules of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to minimise the production of waste:

- We **Reduce** waste through good purchasing practice of materials used throughout the business.
- We **Reuse** materials whenever we can.
- Our customers can **Recycle** product and packaging that's been purchased from NVS through our delivery system.

In 2020 we recycled over 380 tonnes of packaging waste.

#### **Batteries**

We support the recycling of batteries through a partnership with European Recycling Platform ([ERP](#)) – our customers can order a recycling box for their practices and we will collect and recycle these with ERP.

#### **Hazardous Waste**

We take special care when working with hazardous wastes, complying with all legislation to ensure they are safely stored and disposed of.

## **Energy Consumption**

Through regular energy audits, we aim to reduce the impact of our operations by managing energy consumption through efficient use of energy and other resources. We install motion sensor lighting in our premises where possible.

## **Electrical Equipment**

We recycle our unwanted electrical and electronic equipment through a partnership with [CRC](#) (The Community Recycling Consortium). CRC collects and recycles unwanted computers, monitors and other equipment and money raised helps aid training and employment of people with physical disabilities and mental health issues.

## **Our Distribution Network**

We run, manage and maintain a large fleet of vehicles – both HGV and vans as well as a small number of company cars.

We aim to make our delivery network as environmentally efficient as possible, through regular reviews of routes to reduce miles and traffic monitoring systems. We service and maintain all company vehicles in line with both legislative requirements and manufacturers guidelines to ensure their continuous efficiency and minimise emissions.

Our fleet consists fully of vehicles meeting the latest EU Emissions standards (Euro VI/EU6). We only procure new vehicles that comply with the latest EC emission and noise specification. We constantly measure and review the Commercial Fleet fuel usage performance. Where feasible, we will invest in alternative fuel technology to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.

We work with our Suppliers and Third Parties to reduce empty running of our HGV fleet.

## **Suppliers**

We work with Suppliers who actively operate according to sound environmental principles. We commit to continually challenging our Suppliers to ensure that their products are as environmentally friendly as possible.

## **Reducing Landfill**

In 2020 we recycled over 380 tonnes of packaging waste.

Our non-recyclable plastics are sent to an energy recovery facility and are used for electricity generation – thus avoiding landfill.

We will communicate this policy to our employees and stakeholders and anyone carrying out work on behalf of us.

The Policy will be reviewed annually or when there is a change to company processes or structure.