



Green Procurement Policy

for the Branicks Group and its employees¹

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¹ The term “employee” is defined as: any person employed by Branicks Group AG and its member companies, including executives (while not including members of corporate bodies of Branicks Group AG), temporary employees, part-time employees, temporary student workers, short-term workers, apprentices, trainees and interns. To ensure a pleasant reading experience, it was decided to use male terms only for any gendered job titles and nouns that refer to persons generically, where applicable. The generic use of male terms is principally gender-inclusive in the sense of gender equality. The short generic form was chosen for editorial reasons alone, so as to improve the text's readability, and implies no judgement of any kind.



Introduction

Sustainability is an essential part of our entrepreneurial thinking and actions. The Branicks Group is committed to optimise the use of resources. We see it as our duty to make a positive and active contribution to climate and environmental protection and the decarbonisation of the real estate industry. Procuring materials, products and services that are as sustainable as possible is an important element in this regard.

Objectives

In our procurement processes, we strive to achieve a balance between environmental compatibility or sustainability and economic aspects. We promote the procurement of materials, products, and services with the least negative impact on the environment and the climate, but at the same time require that they meet appropriate usage and performance standards or requirements.

Sustainability involves using the earth's natural resources (renewable and non-renewable) to meet our needs today without compromising the needs of future generations. Our procurement processes should therefore consider the impact of materials, products, and services on sustainable development. In particular, the impacts throughout the entire life cycle of these materials, products and services shall be considered.

Green Procurement

The Branicks Group defines "sustainable procurement" as the purchase of sustainable materials, products or services that are manufactured or provided using environmentally friendly materials or with minimal negative impact on the environment, climate and living beings.



The Branicks Group therefore strives to procure materials, products, and services that:

- are durable (as opposed to disposable or throwaway),
- are non-toxic or minimally toxic, preferably eco-degradable,
- are highly energy efficient
- are recyclable or safely disposable,
- are produced regionally
- are certified with recognized environmental labels
- are produced from raw materials that have been sourced in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner,
- are produced in an environmentally sound manner
- cause minimal or no environmental damage during normal use,
- are shipped with minimal packaging.

All Branicks employees are encouraged to consider the above aspects in the bidding and contracting process and in all purchasing decisions to the extent possible and economically feasible.

Our principles for compliance with ethical standards in procurement and the supply chain are detailed in our Business Partner Code. This forms the basis of every business relationship between the Branicks Group and third parties. Among other things, it requires compliance with occupational safety and health regulations, the strict prohibition of all forms of forced and child labour, and discrimination. The Branicks Group does not tolerate any violations of the Business Partner Code and sanctions these up to and including termination of the business relationship.