

THE ERICSSON SUPPLIER ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS



As a global leader in the telecom industry, Ericsson is a strong contributor to sustainable growth and more efficient use of global resources. Telecommunication has the possibility to reduce environmental impact, enabling transport of ideas – not people. We recognize that there are environmental impacts connected to our operations and work to reduce the environmental impact caused by the production, transport, use and disposal of our products.

Ericsson's life cycle assessment studies indicate that our business impacts the environment primarily through energy consumption and the generation of hazardous waste. We cannot successfully minimize these environmental impacts without considering our entire supply chain. Good supplier relations, building on mutual trust, are of outmost importance in these efforts.

Ericsson has issued a **CODE OF CONDUCT** to all suppliers, covering requirements in the areas of basic human rights, labor standards, environmental management and anti-corruption in the workplace. This companion brochure describes the supplier environmental requirements in greater detail. The environmental performance of our supply chain will be continuously evaluated through supplier assessments, and we hope to be able to measure and document continuous environmental improvements together with your support.

We value your input as a supplier and very much appreciate your cooperation in this area.

To access Ericsson's **CODE OF CONDUCT** and **SUPPLIER ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS** on line, please see http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/corporate_responsibility/suppliers/index.shtml

Ericsson Environmental Policy

Ericsson shall develop, produce, and offer products and services with excellent environmental performance that enable customers to minimize their environmental impact. This means that we shall:

- Ensure knowledge and consciousness about environmental issues among all employees in order to continually improve environmental impact and prevent pollution
- Meet or exceed legal and other requirements to protect the environment
- Use lifecycle techniques as a means for determining significant environmental aspects and as a basis for

communicating environmental performance of our processes, products and services

- Use "design for environment" strategies to control mass and energy flow related to Ericsson's products and services
- **Cooperate with our supply chain in order to ensure environmental control of the inputs to our products and processes**
- Actively communicate the environmental work to internal as well as external stakeholders

Supplier Environmental Requirements

Requirement 1: Environmental Management System (EMS)

Since 2001 Ericsson has required that the Suppliers must have an EMS in accordance with ISO 14001, or equivalent. An environmental certification is not required but is viewed favorably.

All non-certified suppliers must fulfill the following minimum EMS requirements:

- The Supplier must have an environmental policy. The policy must be based on an analysis of the supplier's current environmental position and be used as a basis for improvement.
- The Supplier must be aware of and comply with environmental legislation and common practice.
- The Supplier must consider environmental aspects in its operational system.
- The Supplier must document significant environmental aspects.
- The Supplier must have an environmental improvement program.
- The Supplier must ensure that the employees have adequate and documented environmental education.

Requirement 2: Design for Environment & Manufacturing

- The Supplier must use design for environment (DfE) to minimize a product's environmental impact during its entire life cycle, by considering the use of recycled material,

energy consumption during manufacturing and use, material identification, disassembly and choice of material etc.

- The Supplier must not use any banned substances (including process chemicals) on Ericsson's lists of banned and restricted substances.
http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/corporate_responsibility/doc/banned.pdf
- If the Supplier uses a restricted substance on Ericsson's lists of banned and restricted substances there must be a plan for phasing out the substance.
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Requirement 3: Product Information

- The Supplier must be prepared to declare, in accordance with Ericsson standards, the material content of products delivered to Ericsson.
- The Supplier must be prepared to supply life cycle inventory data for supplier processes and products.
- The Supplier must be prepared to provide information about how end-of-life treatment of delivered material will be handled.

Requirement 4: Transport

- The Supplier must be prepared to provide information about the environmental aspects of transportation of goods to Ericsson, for example transportation type, packaging material, and production locations.