

APCO Performance Summary

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About the APCO Annual Report & Performance

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2022 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2021 - December, 2021**, you have achieved a **Advanced** overall performance level.

1 Getting Started 2 Good Progress 3 **Advanced** 4 Leading 5 Beyond Best Practice

Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

Criteria 1: **Governance & Strategy** This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.

Criteria 2: **Design & Procurement** This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).

Criteria 3: **Recycled Content** This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.

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Criteria 4:

Recoverability

This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.

Criteria 5:

Disposal Labelling

This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.

Criteria 6:

On-site Waste

This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.

Criteria 7:

Problematic Materials

This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report.

Criteria 1

Governance & Strategy

Does your organisation have a strategy that includes goals for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?

 Yes No

Supporting Evidence

Our policy is in line with SPG Strategy and senior management ensure that this policy is incorporated into our packaging process.

Criteria 2

Design & Procurement

Do you use the SPGs to review your packaging?

 Yes No

Are you keeping records of the outcomes of your reviews using the SPGs?

 Yes No

Please provide an example of a positive outcome you have achieved.

How many reviews did you conduct during the reporting period?

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Supporting Evidence

Criteria 3

Recycled Content

Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

Yes No

Does any of your packaging contain recycled materials?

Primary

Yes No

Secondary

Yes No

Tertiary

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

Some of our cardboard may be made from recycled material. We are looking at sourcing products that can be recycled. 70% of our products have no packaging which is a sustainable strategy of having minimal packaging of our products. Unfortunately, some packaging of some of our products is inevitable due to the nature of the product.

Criteria 4

Recoverability

Have you investigated the recoverability of your packaging to look for opportunities for greater reuse or recycling?

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

We have commissioned a consultant and developed a concept of Horticycle to reuse our packaging/product. We are actively looking for program partners. Unfortunately COVID has hampered progress.

Criteria 5

Disposal Labelling

Do you provide disposal information for your packaging on-pack?

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

We have not gotten to this stage yet. We are still trying to make good headway with sourcing of product and packaging. Unfortunately, with COVID travelling to see suppliers has been NIL as most of our products are sourced from overseas and communication can be difficult especially over the phone.

Criteria 6

On-site Waste

Do you have a system to collect and recycle used packaging generated at your facilities (e.g. office, warehouse etc.)

Yes No

Supporting Evidence

We reuse material in our operation where we can. We segregate waste that can be recycled and put it into a recycling bin. We recycle all our office paper and cardboard .

Criteria 7

Problematic Materials

Which of the following activities do you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- Conduct regular clean-ups on-site
- Participate in Business Clean-Up Day
- Redesign packaging to eliminate components that may have the propensity to become litter
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

We keep a clean warehouse so litter doesn't pollute our environment (internally) thereby eliminating the risk that litter escapes and pollutes the external environment. We do not want litter going into drains and polluting our waterways.

As stated earlier 70% of our products don't have packaging so this directly reduces our packaging footprint.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Additional Information

- No additional information

Please tell us about any innovative packaging sustainability initiatives you have implemented during your chosen 12 month reporting period.

We have developed a program and trade marked the name HORTICYCLE and is a precursor to generating a business for our sustainability strategy. We have engaged a consultant to set up the program.

Scope of works is detailed below.

Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.

Please tell us of any constraints you may have had during your chosen 12 month reporting period that has impacted on your packaging sustainability initiatives and Covenant obligations.

COVID and COVID Lockdowns has impacted our ability to make meaningful headway in the past 12 months. Having face to face discussions with suppliers have been minimal,

Full Open Responses

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Scope of works is detailed below.

Scope of works (based on my understanding of today's briefing):

Devise a closed loop product stewardship model for the horticultural plastic categories supplied by Tapex.

Stages

1. Research key horticultural plastics that require recycling - including polymers, common contaminants, volumes
2. Research potential onshore (preferred) recyclers for each plastics class. Also other potential usage (eg waste for energy) or export - if no local capacity exists.
3. Engage with stakeholders - local government, growers (Costa), merchants, state government, waste contractors
4. Devise collection method, transport and recycling system - including sourcing materials and stakeholder agreements.