

SUPPLIER COMMITMENTS: GUIDANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION



Carbon, Energy and Water

‘As a supplier, you commit to minimise the use of energy and water throughout your operations to conserve resources and support the global drive towards net zero carbon.’

Energy (for buildings, operations and vehicles) and water consumption often account for a significant part of a product’s cost and environmental impact. Reducing consumption is a critical part of both adapting to, and mitigating, climate change.

Climate change threatens to disrupt livelihoods, destabilise societies and cripple economic development. Climate change will increase water scarcity in some regions whilst increasing flooding in others. Adapting to these changes will be essential.

Climate change is linked to increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in our atmosphere, around 40% of which, in the UK, come from buildings. The taking of multilateral and differentiated action to reduce GHGs has been agreed by over 195 countries, and the role of businesses in implementing these reductions recognised.

We expect your Environmental Management Systems to identify energy and water use and carbon reduction as important environmental aspects that require careful management.

We also expect you to be able to identify a management review process that makes sure your energy and water use is reduced cost-effectively across all aspects of your manufacturing and transportation activities.

→ Useful Links

- [Guidance on net zero carbon](#)
- [Urgent action to meet global carbon reduction commitments](#)

