

## **Ekman<sup>1</sup> Environmental Policy**

### **1 Preamble**

The environmental issues concerns an organization's impact on living and non-living natural systems, including eco-systems, land, air and water and is of utmost importance for the future.

The very nature of Ekman's business of trading in forest products is trading in sustainable, recyclable and renewable resources. Although, as a trading company, Ekman has very little direct impact on the environment, apart from employee business travel and regular office use.

### **2 Scope of Policy**

The minimum requirements of local and national environmental laws and regulations or this Environmental Policy should be followed.

### **3 Policy**

#### **Products**

Ekman trades in pulp, paper, recycled materials and bio-energy. As a trading company, Ekman has little impact on how products are produced (suppliers) or used (customers). Certain Ekman entities have been certified by several certification bodies, including FSC, PEFC, ENplus and SBP, who confirm compliance with set regulations regarding forestry products. In order to promote a sustainable forestry industry, certified products, as well as recycled products and alternative energy sources should be marketed and promoted. Also, Ekman should contribute to enhancing customer awareness of such sustainable products.

#### **Transport**

The aspects of transport of goods from supplier to customer also represent an area in which the company's business could further impact the environment, although through other parties such as suppliers of logistics services.

Environmentally certified logistics services for transport by land, rail and sea, storage, handling and disposal, should be used to the extent possible.

#### **Travel**

- Video-conferencing could be utilized instead of travel to meetings, when possible and deemed effective.

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<sup>1</sup> "Ekman" shall in this document mean Ekman & Co AB and its affiliates and subsidiaries; sometimes also referred to as the "Ekman Group".

### Office use

Ekman promotes and supports local offices to make efforts to reduce waste. Below are some actions which would have a positive impact on the environment:

- Renting environmentally certified offices/office buildings
- Using LED lighting and movement sensors
- Turning off air condition, heat, computers and lights during off-hours
- Using E-connect to share documents instead of printing
- Aiming for a paperless office
- Using recycled and eco-friendly office products and supplies
- Ordering locally produced products for lunches, parties and catering
- Sending digital holiday cards instead of using paper/stamps

## **4 Summary**

The company will strive to make changes that will reduce the negative impact on the environment to the extent possible.

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