

-BASF-Group:

Responsible Care

The BASF Group is a chemical company with successful operations in more than 170 countries with different political, cultural and social structures. Our activities take account into the guiding concept of Sustainable Development, agreed to as a common goal of the communities of nations at the 1992 UN Conference in Rio de Janeiro.

An important contribution to Sustainable Development is our involvement in the chemical industry's voluntary "Responsible Care" initiative worldwide. We are committed to working for continuous improvements in the fields of health, safety and environmental protection. This commitment to Responsible Care applies to the BASF Group worldwide and includes all our affiliates, businesses, services and products.

Responsible Care is implemented by BASF's affiliates under their own responsibility. Implementation is audited on behalf of the Board of Executive Directors.

BASF is committed to the following:

- We consider safety and the protection of health and environment to be fundamental concerns. This is why the Board of Executive Directors of BASF has formulated Environmental Policy Guidelines. They are reviewed on a regular basis for continuing relevance according to new requirements. Procedures for effectively implementing these policies at an operational level are set down in specific regional directives.
- We provide instruction, education and continuing training for all employees to encourage their personal sense of responsibility for the environment and to raise their awareness of potential environmental impacts due to BASF's products and the operation of BASF plants.
- We respond frankly and constructively to society's questions and concerns about our products and operations.
- We, to protect the welfare of our employees, neighbors, customers, consumers and the environment, make constant efforts to reduce the hazards and risks arising from the manufacture, storage, transportation, marketing, use, recycling and disposal of BASF products. We take health, safety and environmental aspects into account beginning of the development stage of new products and production processes.
- We assist our customers and partners to transport, store, use, recycle and dispose of our products safely. We provide them with informatic and, where necessary, with training on correct handling of our products.
- We work constantly to expand our knowledge of potential impacts of products, production processes and wastes on society and the environment.
- We will regardless of commercial interests, restrict or discontinue the commercialization and manufacture of products if the results of a risk assessment shows that this action is necessary to safeguard personal health or the environment. We will inform the public comprehensively about such issues.
- We will in the event of any health or environmental hazards arising as a result of our operations. Take

appropriate medical action, work in close cooperation with the authorities and immediately inform the public.

- We actively make our expertise and experience available to help devise realistic and effective laws, regulations and standards to protect society and the environment.
- We actively support the principles of Responsible Care. In particular, we work to promote an open exchange of information and experience with interested and affected parties.

Chapter 7 of Corporate Guidelines: For the benefit of humankind

- We are committed to Sustainable Development and are guided by it in what we do. Our services in the fields of nutrition, health, clothing, lifestyle, energy, mobility and communication help to meet the needs of an ever-growing world population.
- We produce products that are safe to manufacture, safe to use and safe to dispose of.
- We minimize the impact on humans and the environment in the production, storage, transportation, marketing and use of our products.
- We assist our customers with their efforts to achieve safe, environmentally compatible further processing of the products and provide them with information on the correct handling of those products.

Chapter 8 of Corporate Guidelines: Responsible Care

- We are determined to make continuous improvements in matters of safety, health and environmental protection. We do so on our own responsibility and in consultation with the authorities. We take any action ascertained to be necessary, whether or not dictated by statutory obligation or official regulations.
- Economic considerations do not take priority over environmental protection, health and safety.
- We encourage safety, environmental and health awareness among all employees.
- We regard scientific and technological advances in safety, health, environmental protection and product safety as an important corporate duty.
- We carefully weigh up the potential benefits and risks of new discoveries and technologies in a dialog with scientists and society before deciding whether or not to go ahead.
- We seek an open dialog with all relevant opinion leaders in society. Our aim is to promote and strengthen mutual understanding and confidence in what we do.
- An important contribution to Sustainable Development is our involvement in the worldwide Responsible Care initiative. This applies to our products and services for all our sites.