



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE POLICY

COLOMBINA BUSINESS GROUP

Colombina Business Group trains its suppliers following its Sustainability Objectives using its Sustainability-centric Strategic Supply Model. We see this as just one way to create transparent, trustworthy and mutually-beneficial relationships with our stakeholders.

One of our vendor groups is our agricultural suppliers, with whom Colombina conducts multi-pronged sustainable agricultural development committed to:

- **Reducing Water Consumption**

The Colombina Business Group strives to protect our water resources. It starts with its main agricultural and distribution-logistic suppliers by calling on them to engage in efficient use water in their operations and services.

At Colombina, water-consumption reduction strategies form part of the Sustainability Scheme for conserving this vital resource: strategies geared toward guaranteeing concurrent efficiency and conservation.

Colombina's initiatives for its agricultural suppliers reduce the use of underground and crop-adjacent tributaries through drip irrigation.

Colombina also encourages the use of ground covers to reduce evapo-transpiration to help soil retain moisture, which in turn reduces irrigation.

- **Reducing Soil Pollution**

Reducing soil pollution helps guarantee eco-system and biodiversity conservation. Following sustainability guidelines, Colombina extends its soil-pollution reduction commitment along the length and breadth of its value chain and amongst its agricultural suppliers with high soil-quality initiatives that generate cleaner production.

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Additionally, Colombina oversees rational chemical use in compliance with European and American regulations (LMR)

- **Maintaining Soil Quality**

“The capacity of a soil to function within ecosystem boundaries to sustain biological productivity, maintain environmental quality, and promote plant and animal health” (Doran & Parkin, 1994: 7). This statement by Doran and Parkin governs how Colombina works in conjunction with its agricultural suppliers for minimal tillage so as not to deteriorate the soil structure and its micro-organic life.

- **Preventing eco-system destruction**

Colombina articulates with its agricultural suppliers to promote Good Practices for responsible production and consumption that are geared toward the sustainable use of biodiversity for competitiveness and socio-economic growth by farming areas that guarantee non-deforestation and that do not belong to any ecological or cultural heritage.

- **Reducing GHG emissions**

Greenhouse gas emission is one of the main threats to sustainable agriculture worldwide. Colombina deems it essential that its practices contribute to the reduction and mitigation of GHG. Therefore, it works alongside its agricultural suppliers throughout their productive processes, guiding them by means of government GHG-mitigation programs.

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