

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Using only the best farming and food hygiene techniques Vitacress Portugal Business Unit (VPBU) is dedicated to the sustainable production, processing and distribution of high quality fresh produce.

In managing their operations Vitacress Portugal Business Unit (VPBU) undertakes to comply with current legislation and standards recognized by the industry, with the aim of protecting the environment, namely preventing pollution, avoiding, reducing or controlling environmental impact which may result from the development of its economic activity.

In order to use sustainably the natural resources it has at its disposal, Vitacress Portugal undertakes to use sustainably resources, using mitigation measures that are defined in the annual objectives of environment and is committed to continuous improvement of its environmental management system, and to this identified seven key areas of action that are part of the main commitments of its environmental policy.

Energy – Minimising its consumption of non-renewable energy sources. It is aware of the environmental impacts of its transport operations, both by road and air, and seeks ways to reduce them wherever practical.

Water – Minimising its consumptive use of water and takes all practical steps to ensure its activities avoid any negative impact on aquatic and other environments.

Waste – Minimising the wastes it generates and their impacts by seeking opportunities to reduce, reuse, recycle and cover otherwise redundant resources.

Crop Protection – Employing pesticides only when essential to the continuity and quality of production.

Soil – Managing the soils it farms so as to maintain and enhance their ability to support plant growth through fertility building rotation and the minimum use of fertilizer necessary to grow quality crops.

Biodiversity –The company is committed to protecting and improving biodiversity on and round its operations.

Local Community –The company is committed to managing its activities respecting the right of the community to enjoy the local environment.

Vitacress Portugal (VPBU) operates under an Environmental Management System which complies with the requirements of ISO 14001, disseminates and implements its environmental policy through internal publications, training employees and website.

Vitacress Portugal (VPBU) regularly review its environmental policy and objectives in order to ensure that they remain current and in line with its main activities.

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