

# **Celanese Sustainable Procurement Policy**

### **Our Sustainability Journey**

At Celanese, we are focused on accelerating solutions through chemistry, and are proud to make products for a safer, cleaner, and more sustainable world by combining innovation with chemistry. Whether it's technologies that "close the loop" on resources and waste, engineering lightweight vehicle parts, or designing components for life-saving healthcare— across all three Celanese businesses, we're finding answers to some of the world's most complex questions.

Celanese is committed to sourcing its goods and services in an environmentally responsible manner. We work with thousands of different Third Party Suppliers across highly complex and diverse global supply chains whereby our Third Party Suppliers are pivotal in partnering with us to achieve more reliable, secure, and sustainable operations for the future.

## Scope of our policy

This Policy applies to Suppliers, Business Partners, Contractors, Consultants (together, our "Third Party Suppliers") and Celanese employees that interact with them. The scope of our Policy includes all externally sourced goods and services (e.g. Raw Materials, Energy, Logistics, Corporate Services and Equipment).

## **Policy Introduction**

### Sustainable Business Practices of our Third Party Suppliers

At Celanese, we uphold ourselves to high standards with respect to Environmental, Social and Governance topics. We expect our Third Party Suppliers adhere to the same standards.

This means that we expect our Third Party Suppliers to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, legal requirements and our <u>Third Party Code of Conduct</u>, which sets forth the basic requirements a vendor must meet to build and maintain a business relationship with Celanese.

Celanese is committed to safeguarding the human rights of our employees and the individuals in all our business interactions. We expect our employees and business partners to conduct business according to the highest principles of integrity, ethics, fairness and respect. Our standards with respect Human Rights and Equality are separately laid down in our <u>Human Rights Policy</u>.

At Celanese, we believe our Third Party Suppliers should be as diverse as our global workforce. In 2020, we established a <u>Supplier Diversity Program</u> to support and encourage the inclusion and utilization of small and diverse businesses in Celanese purchasing activities. With our own dedicated Supplier Diversity and Inclusion Council we oversee and advise on this work.

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We also encourage our Third Party Suppliers to be transparent about supply chain challenges so we can work towards identifying and implementing practical solutions together. Celanese expects its Third Party Suppliers to adhere to applicable local legislation and regulations with respect to the protection of human rights and the environment in the supply chain.

Celanese also works diligently with our global supply chain partners to conduct our business in a manner which supports the humanitarian goal of ending violent conflict and human rights abuses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries as outlined in our Conflict Minerals Policy. We source a limited amount of designated "Conflict Minerals" for use in our manufacturing operations and we expect our suppliers to source only from responsible smelters and refiners who identify the sources of the conflict minerals that we purchase and to declare the Conflict Mineral status of their products.

## Third Party Supplier Quality and Certifications

At Celanese, we strive to provide safe and sustainable solutions for our customers. Meeting the quality, environmental, health and safety requirements of our worldwide customers is a critical activity for Celanese. We constantly pursue and update vital <a href="management system certifications">management system certifications</a> to ensure we continue to meet the high standards of the industries our customers participate in. The Celanese commitment to quality is set forth in our <a href="Global Quality Vision">Global Quality Vision</a>. Celanese expects its Third Party Suppliers to adhere to the same quality standards that are required by Celanese's diverse businesses and industries we supply into.

#### **Reducing our Impact on the Environment**

### Life Cycle Analysis and Product Carbon Footprint

The goods and services procured by Celanese have a significant impact on the Life Cycle Analysis of the products we sell to our customers. To properly calculate the impact of our products on the environment, Celanese is in the process of acquiring data on Product Carbon Footprint from its Third Party Suppliers.

In order to identify, quantify and reduce the environmental impact of the goods and services supplied to Celanese, we require our Third Party Suppliers to complete questionnaires, and, in many cases, to allow Celanese to complete onsite or virtual audits of manufacturing locations, documents and records related to our suppliers' compliance with our environmental standards.

We expect Third Party Suppliers to develop and implement roadmaps leading to reducing their impact on the environment. Celanese encourages its Third Party Suppliers to jointly develop products and services that support this effort.

Celanese incorporates the data provided by its Third Party Suppliers in its sourcing strategies for procured goods and services.

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## **Preserving our Climate**

Celanese recognizes that our environmental initiatives play a key role in building solutions to support customers' sustainability objectives and improving the sustainability of our existing products. To support this, we have set environmental intensity reduction targets to reduce our greenhouse gas generation, net energy use, water consumption, and waste generation by 2030 from a 2021 baseline. In order to help achieve those targets we participate in several program-based initiatives discussed below. We encourage our Third Party Suppliers to participate in similar programs where applicable.

- ENERGY STAR® Celanese, an ENERGY STAR® partner since 2014, has been recognized by the U.S. EPA for its superior performance in energy management and for outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through energy efficiency. Celanese is proud of its ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year designation in 2024 for the ninth consecutive year, and the Sustained Excellence award for the seventh consecutive year. Celanese commits that it will preferentially purchase or lease ENERGY STAR certified equipment, or with an equivalent or similar regional standard, used in its administrative office locations.
- Responsible Care® program Responsible Care® is the global chemical industry's voluntary initiative an ethical framework towards safe chemicals management and performance excellence.
- Operation Clean Sweep OCS is an international program designed to prevent the loss of granules (pellets, flakes, and powders) during handling by the various entities in the plastics value chain and their release into the environment.
- <u>Carbon Disclosure Program</u> Celanese annually reports to CDP on its environmental impact on Climate, Water, and Forests. CDP is a not-for-profit organization that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts.
- <u>Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification</u> Global deforestation is a contributor to
  global warming and climate change. Celanese is committed to procuring sustainably sourced raw
  materials. We expect our wood pulp suppliers to adhere to the global standards of the <u>Program</u>
  for the Endorsement of Forest Certification or Sustainable Forestry Initiative.
- <u>EcoVadis</u> EcoVadis is a ratings platform to assess corporate social responsibility and sustainable procurement. Annually, Celanese completes a detailed assessment on our environmental, labor and employment, sustainable procurement, and ethics policies and practices.
- <u>UN Global Compact</u> The UN Global Compact accelerates and scales the global collective impact
  of business by upholding the <u>Ten Principles</u> and advancing the <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u>
  through accountable companies and ecosystems that enable change.

Celanese evaluates the efforts of its Third Party Suppliers in the area of sustainability. The results of these evaluations are incorporated in our Strategic Sourcing plans and are used to make more sustainable choices in procuring our goods and services.

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## **Our Global Procurement Team - Your Celanese counterpart**

We understand that these expanded obligations increase the requirements we expect from our Third Party Suppliers. Celanese understands that this requires your Celanese counterpart on our global procurement team to be able to support you on the path to sustainability as we strive to work together to improve the world and everyday life through chemistry.

We value our Third Party Suppliers and are committed to continuing to build strong ethical and responsible partnerships that support our sustainable procurement strategy.

To learn more about Sustainability at Celanese visit our **Sustainability** website.

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