

V. Green purchase

Environmental action targets

● Green purchasing

◆ Targets and results for fiscal 2000

Targets	Results
Expansion of green purchase items	New registration of 300 items
Determine purchase amount	Begun to determine purchase amount
Improvement of awareness	Started efficiently use surplus materials by company bulletin board

○ Basic course of green purchase

Based on the YKK Group environmental charter, the YKK Group seeks to reduce stress placed on the environment of its business activities by purchasing materials and parts that are friendly to the environment from environment-

conscious businesses (businesses that are environment-oriented), as well as contributing to building a recycling-oriented society by developing and providing recyclable products.

○ Guideline

The guideline applies to products, parts and materials procured by the company.

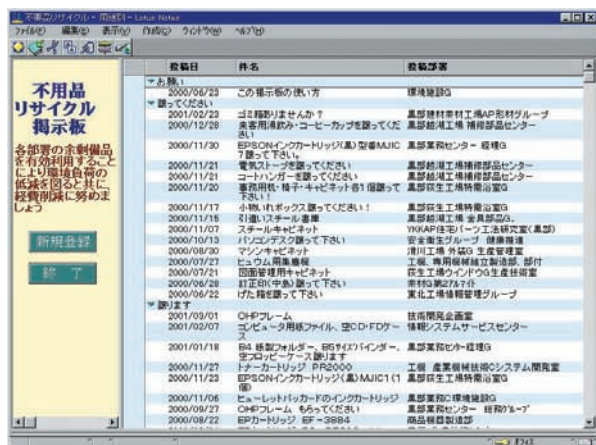
◆ Products that take into consideration the following items are considered to be applicable for green purchase.

- Conserves resources** **Uses recyclable materials, has less product weight and volume, and uses less material types.**
- Avoids toxic substances** **Avoids use of substances specified by PRTR Law and Industrial Safety and Health Law.**
- Long life** **Product life is long, part replacement is easy, and function can be expanded.**
- Uses less containers and packaging** **Uses a minimum of packaging and uses materials that are easy to recycle.**
- Effect of being used** **Consumes little energy when standing by or being used.**
- Easy to take apart** **Uses less parts and is easy to separate or take apart after use.**
- Can be recycled when disposed of** **Has established recycling route.**
- Data revealed to public** **Part material labels, environmental compliance mark, method of disposal.**

○ Results for fiscal 2000

Based on the fundamental principle of green purchasing not to purchase excess stocks, along with attempting to reduce stress placed on the environment by efficiently using surplus spare parts, a bulletin board was established on the company Web site in an attempt to cut costs.

In fiscal 2000, we succeeded in registering 300 new green purchase items in our purchasing system.



○ Future initiatives

About 150 items are scheduled to be newly registered in fiscal 2001 and we will work to improve the green purchase ratio.

We are also considering applying the idea of green purchasing to the terms of business with our suppliers. In specific terms, assessment is conducted based on the following three standards:

- Commodity standards:** In accordance with guideline.
- Business standards:** Whether or not business is involved in environmental conservation.
- Cost standard:** Competitive price.

Main registered green purchase products

- Scrap aluminum ● Aluminum secondary alloy
- recycled copper ● Mother alloy ● recycled plastic
- Copy paper ● Toilet paper ● Business cards
- Files ● Stationary ● Copiers ● Computers
- Printers ● Lighting, etc.