

Green purchasing

By purchasing environmentally friendly materials and parts from companies that share our concern for the environment by taking a proactive stance toward protecting it, we can strive to reduce the environmental impact of the entire cycle of our business activity, promote the development and production of recyclable products, and contribute to the reduction of all of society's environmental impact.

Environmental action targets

- Promotion of the procurement of green purchasing products
- Quantification of green purchasing standards

○ Achievements of the 2002 fiscal year

The number of instances of green purchasing in fiscal 2002 was 110% of that in fiscal 2001. Furthermore, by working in cooperation with our suppliers, we have been able to steadily reduce environmental impact and avoid environmental risk. Seeking to provide a guide for the development of environmentally friendly products, we have drawn up a set of green purchasing guidelines for our business partners.

◆ Overview of the YKK Group chemical substance guidelines management categories

Categories of Harmful Chemical Substances	
[1]	Legally restricted substances (HCFCs, etc.)
[2]	Substances that the public, on a local or national level, is seeking to restrict (Dioxins, environmental hormones, etc.)
[3]	Pollution Release and Transfer Register Law (PRTR Law) Type 1 designated chemical substances (12 substances that are Rank 1 carcinogens)
[4]	PRTR Law Type 1 and 2 designated substances (All substances other than Rank 1 carcinogens)

[Prohibited]
Management category 1

- Prohibit the purchase of goods that contain chemical substances that fall into management category 1 of the YKK Group's chemical substance guidelines
- Propose alternatives for goods that contain substances that fall into categories 2 and 3
- Promote recycling
- Request wrapping and packaging materials that are easy on the environment

- Labor Standards Law (production prohibition)
- Toxic Substance Control Act (Type 1 designation)
- Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Law (specific toxins)
- Ozone Layer Protection Law (Prohibition of production of CFCs and other substances)
- Air Pollution Control Law (specific fine particles)
- YKK managed substances

[Reduced]
Management category 2

- Ozone Layer Protection Law (reduction of HCFCs and other substances)
- Environmental hormones
- PRTR Law (Type 1 designated substances)
- YKK managed substances

[Managed for suitability]
Management category 3

- PRTR Law (Type 1, Type 2)
- Water Pollution Control Law (health items)
- Soil and groundwater environmental standards
- Sick house syndrome substances
- Oeko-Tex
- YKK managed substances

○ Continuing efforts

In 2003 we will try to increase the number of green purchasing instances to more than 105% of the 2002 level. In addition to specifying green products for new purchases, we will also actively try to replace existing purchases with green products. For example, we are considering the use of uniforms that can be chemically recycled.

Moreover, we are conducting a questionnaire of our suppliers to ascertain the states of their environmental management development

programs and providing education to suppliers about environmental consciousness and environmental management support.

We are also developing a database of the information we gather from our suppliers regarding green purchasing guidelines and using this to select products. With this database, we can reduce the use of products that contain harmful chemical substances and choose materials and parts that have low environmental impact at the development and design stages.