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## **UTAX (UK) Ltd – Environmental Statement**

The protection of our environment is a very important part of our company policy with every effort being made to ensure that our products' impact on the environment is minimised.

UTAX are proud of the developments with our technologies over the last few years which have enabled us to be as environmentally friendly as possible. Be it the materials used in production, energy and emission values, toner usage or disposal – when it comes to our systems, we give comprehensive consideration to how resources can be used responsibly at every stage of the product life cycle.

All our products (post 2003) carry the 'Energy Star' symbol indicating particularly low energy consumption when not in active use. The EU ENERGY STAR program follows an agreement between the European Community (EU) and the Government of the US to co-ordinate energy labelling of office equipment. The stringent standards applied ensure low TEC (Typical Electricity Consumption) values, offering peace of mind to the end user that each qualifying product is energy efficient.

Our long-life drums and developers are designed (and indeed guaranteed) to last for the design life of our systems dramatically reducing the use of consumable items, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and cutting down the number of service callouts. The patented long life drum is separate from the toner container and so eliminates drum replacement when toner is depleted. In traditional laser printers, these items are contained within the consumable toner cartridge and replaced each time the toner runs out; by making them separate permanent components we greatly reduce the amount of environmental waste generated – as well as cutting the cost of consumables, typically by more than 50%.

UTAX original toner is neither toxic nor carcinogenic. This is confirmed by the AMES test as outlined in the safety data sheets provided for each of our products. In fact our original toners meet all the requirements set by EU Directives and by the Ordinance on Hazardous Substances and are regularly tested for compliance with standards which are relevant to occupational health and safety. Furthermore, a number of our advanced multifunctional devices and printers, use a closed toner system which precludes any direct contact with the toner and leaves no toner residues at all.

Our systems handle all standard and recycled papers in accordance with EN 12281 and increasingly feature intelligent duplex functions for double-sided printing and intelligent blank skip to eliminate blank page output, all of which saves on paper volume and makes a very positive environmental impact.

Even in the use of packaging UTAX follow the same stringent environmental criteria as product development. We only use transport packaging made of cardboard or paper, which we have actively reduced to a minimum and all packaging is now completely polystyrene-free.

UTAX supports the reuse and recycling of WEEE as there are several environmental benefits of doing so, such as: reduction of raw material and energy usage, reduction of waste to landfill and prevention of hazardous and/or toxic materials present in some WEEE contaminating the environment.

As a producer under the UK WEEE Regulations, UTAX (UK) Ltd complies with its Producer Obligations by being registered as a member of the Producer Compliance Scheme and obtaining the WEEE Producer Registration Number – WEE/GE0003ZR.

UTAX operate a 'take back and recycle' scheme where obligated waste i.e. electrical equipment falling within scope of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013, placed on the market by UTAX (UK) LTD after 13th Aug 2005 and reaching the end of its life, can be returned to us for disposal. Our copiers, printers, multifunctional devices and used toner cartridges will be disposed of responsibly, without going into landfill, and as many components as possible recycled into re-useable materials. All of these products are completely lead-free and comply with all EU regulations for electronic products.

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