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1. Philosophy

Philips believes that sustainable development is one of the most challenging issues facing the world. The company is committed to continuously exploring solutions to successfully balance economy and ecology.

2. Basic principles

Sustainable development: finding the optimal balance between ecological impact and economic growth.

Prevention is better than cure: avoiding problems at the outset.

Life cycle approach: from raw materials, to manufacturing, to use and disposal.

Cooperation: with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

3. Commitments

In the Philips Global Environmental Policy:

- Philips establishes technically and economically viable objectives to optimize the environmental performance of the organization's products, services and activities:
 - Product development objectives include evaluating the environmental impact over the total life cycle of a product, taking steps toward more efficient use of materials, including packaging; reducing or eliminating hazardous substances; reducing energy consumption; and contributing to improving recycling and disposal
 - Manufacturing objectives include environmentally related aspects of Philips activities such as emissions into air and water; use of energy and water; and waste disposal while preventing pollution within our community.
- Philips establishes and maintains environmental management systems and audits them by means of a systematic, documented verification process to ensure continuous improvement;
- Philips is committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations, and will promote international harmonization of applicable laws and regulations, and is prepared to enter into voluntary agreements;
- Philips communicates its environmental policy to employees and other stakeholders, and publishes its results in environmental reports.

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