

## Contract Furniture (North) UK Ltd



### Environmental Policy

Contract Furniture U.K. recognise the need to manage its operations on a sustainable basis because creating a more sustainable future is the responsibility of all of us. We acknowledge that our work has a potential impact on the environment and therefore we have a duty to ensure we proactively manage this in a responsible and ethical manner. We do this through identifying all significant environmental impacts and by putting processes into place to prevent, reduce and mitigate these in an innovative and practical manner. This statement reflects Contract Furniture U.K. intention to provide and maintain an environmentally sustainable services. Although the standards established by national legislation will apply as a minimum, Contract Furniture U.K. will always strive to achieve best practice in the local context of every country in which we operate.

At Contract Furniture U.K. we:

- Ensure that our products are built to last.
- Comply with legal and other requirements.
- Minimise waste production and divert it from the landfill through cooperation with trustworthy local businesses like ADS Recycling, Fresco Environmental.
- Use of local suppliers and recycling materials where possible.
- Reduce packaging materials
- Plan deliveries to minimise transport CO2 input
- Recycle furniture – an important part of our business is refurbishment of reclaimed furniture.
- Use fabrics from fully recycled or sustainable sources.
- Make manufacturing improvements where possible and necessary.
- Aim to source products and materials locally where possible.

### **Product Sustainability**

Our products are built to last. By ensuring we manufacture high-quality, long-lasting furniture, we can ultimately reduce the environmental impact for ourselves and our clients. Like any manufacturer, minimising wastage is key for environmental goals and efficiency and we've always run our factory as "made to order" to reduce any product or materials waste.

We source no finished goods from Eastern Europe or the Far East. This both reduced the CO2 impact of what we produce, but also supports the UK economy.

### **Waste Management**

It is our policy to ensure that all waste is disposed of in line with legal and environmental requirements. We cooperate with well-established and trustworthy local businesses like ADS Recycling and Fresco Environmental to ensure our waste is disposed responsibly.

### **Product Packaging**

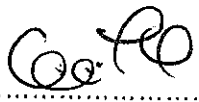
We have reduced our packaging by more considered use of packaging materials, increased re-use of packaging and the more sophisticated packing of our products on our vehicles. In addition, we have reverted to the old technology of furniture blankets which has reduced our cardboard packaging hugely. This reduction helps us to increase our value for money to our clients and to improve our profitability thus increasing the sustainability of the business in all ways. The packaging materials used are as follows: cardboard, blankets which can last for many years and are re-used hundreds of times, plastic packaging (we do not use any hard plastic in our packaging).

### **Delivery and Installation**

As we manage the distribution of all our products, we ship our products in a format which minimises packaging and maximises vehicle capacity. We have a number of vehicle sizes available to us which allows us to team up the size of the job to the most efficient vehicle. Our distribution team is always kept up to date to ensure they are running efficiently and meet current emission standards. In a case of a product being damaged we offer an on-site repair service. We also work with our suppliers to reduce millage, on large jobs products are sent directly to the client's site to reduce transport and lead times as well as reducing product miles and emissions.

**Recycling**

Recycling and reusing furniture and materials is vital to lowering unnecessary and potentially harmful wastage. A substantial part of our services is based on reclaimed furniture, which we buy, refurbish and resell at reasonable, competitive prices. We have over 1,000 pieces of pre-owned furniture in stock, all ready to be made professionally refurbished and reused.

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Kevin Tobin – Managing Director