

## AAK Group Environmental Policy

AarhusKarlshamn (“AAK”) is one of the world’s market leaders in developing, manufacturing and marketing high value-added speciality vegetable oils and fats at a global market. AAK has a firm commitment to contribute to an ecologically sustainable development and continuously tries to improve its consideration for the environment and to ensure health and safety for people dependent on the business of AAK.

AAK strives to contribute to a sustainable long-term ecological development by producing and marketing products which during their life-cycle have a minimum impact on the environment. The entire group takes responsibility for environmental care and each employee plays an important part in relation hereto.

Based on our approach to environmental issues, we are dedicated to complying with national and international commitments that aim at a sustainable development over the long term. Because of the strong connection between environmental activities and national legislation AAK regularly work with environmental issues at a local level. Our objective is that the activities of AAK shall not harm the environment or have a negative effect on human health. The guiding principles of AAK’s Environmental Policy are the following:

### Resource Efficiency

- The industrial operations of AAK shall be distinguished by a resource efficient use of energy, water and other natural resources.

### Waste and emissions

- Waste and emissions from AAK’s production plants and other activities shall be minimized and waste products shall to great extent be efficiently recycled.

### Safety

- AAK shall work to prevent serious accidents and uncontrolled emissions by systematic risk analysis, preventive actions, emergency preparedness and long term technical planning.

### Plants and equipment

- Whenever there is a change of processes, plants and products, AAK shall use the opportunity to evaluate the possibility of environmental improvements.

### Research and development

- In the research and development projects, it shall be an ambition to develop environmentally sound technologies, products and packaging.

## **Legislation and regulation**

- The industrial operations of AAK shall be conducted in compliance with current environmental legislation and by applying environmental management systems, such as ISO 14001.
- AAK shall develop long-term plans related to national and international legislation in the areas of the environment, health and safety wherein tasks and responsibilities within the framework of the environmental-management systems shall be clarified.

## **Partners**

- In the choice of suppliers, sub-contractors and transporters, the environmental aspects shall be taken into account.
- AAK shall inform customers, suppliers and contractors about the group's environmental work and co-operate with them in an ambition to find mutual improvements.

## **Information**

- AAK shall provide open and objective information about the group's environmental work to the general public, authorities, customers, media and other interested parties.

## **Evaluation and ambition**

- AAK shall evaluate the environmental performance by the monitoring of emissions and regular environmental audits.
- AAK's environmental activities shall be improved continually by formulating, communicating and monitoring clearly defined goals.

## **Education**

- AAK shall increase the employees' awareness and knowledge of environmental issues.

AAK's progress towards ecologically sustainable development shall be accounted for annually. This Environmental Policy shall be communicated in an open and factual manner. The different Business Areas are responsible for implementing action programmes based on this Policy.