

## Innovation in contract fabrics

## **GROUP ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

<u>ISO 14001:2015 Scope:</u> The design, manufacture and distribution of printed furnishing fabrics, and the design, processing and distribution of woven upholstery fabrics.

Environmental policies and ethical trading have been at the forefront of the Panaz ethos since its inception in 1985 which was centred around the invention of dry printing techniques that eradicated chemical and water wastage into the environment which the prevailing technology of the time centred around. As such Panaz is totally committed to producing and supplying products and services of the highest quality to all its clients and continuous improvement.

Product development plays a huge role in the future sustainability of the textiles industry so Panaz Group work hard to create products for customers that provide a more environmentally responsible option while adhering to the performance requirements of the contract market. This ranges from the use of more environmentally friendly chemicals such as non-halogenated flame retardants and the water-based Shield Plus antimicrobial technology to the use of yarns made from recycled materials. We also seek a solution to make plastics circular and to make polyester into the most sustainable choice.

Panaz has always had significant focus on giving back to our local environment and community with many community programmes such as tree planting with the Ribble Rivers Trust. We put staff safety first and have processes in place to ensure this.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLEDGES: Panaz Group pledges to:

- Keep environmental impacts of the business activities, products and services at the forefront of business decisions.
- Maintain, develop and continuously improve our sustainability performance and provide a framework for setting environmental objectives using the environmental management system ISO 14001:2015.
- Commit to the protection of the environment, including prevention of pollution.
- Commit to adhere to environmental, regulatory and compliance obligation requirements.
- Continually improve the Environment Management System to enhance environmental performance.
- Promote our environmental policies and impact to customers and any interested parties.
- Continue to use renewable sources of energy to power our manufacturing facility.
- Seek to always make greener product development decisions including the use of non-harmful chemicals in flame retardants and the eradication of PFAS in stain resistant technologies.
- Re-develop existing products using recycled yarn sources wherever possible.
- Invest research and development time into technologies that lead to circular usage in the textile industry incorporating any manufacturing waste.
- Make greener packaging decisions and use recycled materials where possible across the business.
- Plant a tree for every 200 meters of fabric sold to aid carbon neutrality.
- Focus on attaining net-zero in scope 1 with the objective of reducing emissions in scope 2 and 3 with the objective of net-zero.
- Conduct regular scope 1 environmental audits.

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