

**FARAM**

Environmental Commitment Statement Faram Spa

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Pursuing an environmental policy aimed at achieving the international standards of excellence, Faram has undertaken a process for improving the conditions of our planet. For this reason, the company has adopted production procedures in line with sustainability policies both in terms of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions, obtaining, in 2005, **the ISO 14001 Certificate** which confirms the compliance of the Management System as an important organizational instrument also aimed at respecting all environmental regulations in the production process.

Faram also belongs to the Green **Building Council Italia**, the organisation responsible for introducing the independent certification system known as **LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design); this system establishes the design and construction criteria involved in creating healthy, energy-efficient buildings with a reduced environmental impact.

Faram decided to embrace the ten principles of the **United Nations Global Compact**, a document laying down rules of behaviour regarding **human rights, work, environment and the fight against corruption** for all participants, rules redefining the standards for doing business and underlining the qualitative difference making businesses exemplary.

Moreover, Faram, as a company operating in the office furniture sector, is especially attentive towards the safeguarding of **renewable sources of raw materials**:

- **Wood is a primary renewable raw material.** Faram and its production chain operate in compliance with the regulations on environment protection. For the production of **multilaminar wood veneer**, Faram avails itself of suppliers which use, besides poplar from Italian plantations, Obeche or Samba wood, which is a very common plant species growing over a wide area in Tropical Africa. Its suppliers operate in full compliance with the regulations in force, from both a technical (forest exploitation) and environmental perspective. All forests (concessions) are managed by strictly following the rules formulated through the **management plans**, which are operational instruments aimed at rendering the forest a perennial resource. Therefore, through its production chain, Faram is contributing to **responsible forest management**, which also makes it possible to perform other important functions through rigorous management plans. By



authorizing wood withdrawal, so as to guarantee its renewal over the following cycles (**planned reforestation**), the ability of forests to absorb and store carbon dioxide is unaltered, hence concretely contributing to the battle against the greenhouse effect. The raw material suppliers hold the **FSC (Forest Stewardship Council)** certification related to the origin of poplar wood employed in Faram's production process. Each stage of the processing and transformation of the raw material, multilaminar wood veneer, is carried out according to specific rules: the **dyes** used, for instance, do not contain heavy metals. **Glues and adhesives** are characterized by low emissions and inconsequential environmental impact.

- **Wood panels are a renewable raw material.** Faram uses only UNI EN 120:95 and UNI EN 717-2/94 certified panels, which guarantee formaldehyde emissions below the provisions set out by the European regulations. Moreover, Faram is a member of the **Consorzio Pannello Ecologico (Ecological Panel Consortium)**, which attests – to consumers – that the product has been manufactured using post-consumer wood through a certified quality production process that respects the environment. Furthermore Faram uses primary raw material panels bearing the **FSC (Forest Stewardship Council)** label, related to the origin of the material employed. Used panels can then be transformed into top quality chips, restarting this way their post-consumer cycle.
- **Glass.** Glass is 100% reusable and recyclable. At Faram, all waste glass is sent to collection centres, crushed and – after selection – stored, before sending it to glass factories where it will be entirely recycled.
- **Metals.** Steel is the most recycled material in the world in terms of quantity. Faram uses it to manufacture desk frames and filing containers due to its recyclability. All waste metal is sent to collection centres which process the material for recycling.
- **Aluminium.** All aluminium waste is sent to collection centres where it is freed from possible adhesive substances. The material is smelted and cast into ingots, which will then serve to manufacture new objects and rolled products. The energy saved by recovering aluminium is really significant, and the material can be recycled several times.
- **Other minor materials used.** Faram's commitment is to continue preferring materials that can be recycled and have the lowest environmental impact possible. Through this statement, Faram Spa confirms its commitment towards the environment and its full participation in the principle of responsible growth.

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