

Product Stewardship

Policy Statement

Ashland Inc., its divisions and majority-owned or controlled subsidiaries (“Ashland”) will strive for excellence in global product stewardship and chemicals management.

We responsibly manage our products and services in a way that minimizes adverse impacts on the environment and human health and demonstrates to our stakeholders that we do so.

Product Stewardship Elements

Product Stewardship at Ashland includes:

- A global management system to deliver excellence in product stewardship and meet required local, regional and business specific standards
 - Continual improvement of products to avoid potential problems before they become human or environmental hazards
 - Hazard identification systems that take advantage of available information
 - Risk-based process for identifying, understanding and prioritizing concerns and managing chemicals in commerce
 - Risk reduction measures, including limitations on use or even phase-outs of specific uses of chemicals where unacceptable risks are not otherwise manageable in a manner that is appropriate for the risks and mindful of the benefits of a particular chemical in the context of its use
 - Transparent flow of information throughout the value chain (e.g., suppliers, manufactures, customers, waste vendors, etc.), so that manufacturers and users can understand and manage risk, and provide meaningful and relevant information to their respective stakeholders
 - Public availability of hazard, exposure and risk information
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Responsible Party

The vice president in charge of the environmental, health and safety function is responsible for implementation of and amendments to, this policy. Each commercial unit product steward and product stewardship committee will be responsible for setting objectives and targets for the commercial unit. All employees are responsible for compliance with this policy.

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