

Reporting Tool Setup

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Primary Industry Sector

Healthcare and scientific

Category: Personal care, Pharmaceutical and therapeutic goods

Secondary Industry Sector

Logistics and warehousing

Category: Distribution services

Supply Chain Position

Importer / Supplier

Secondary: None provided

Does your parent organisation operate in countries other than Australia?

Yes

Regions: New Zealand, Singapore

Percentage annual turnover attributed to Australian operations: 80%

Subsidiaries

Reporting For

None provided

Reporting Period

Calendar Year: 1st Jan - 31st Dec

Baseline metric

SKUs

Recent reporting: 195

Previous reporting: 201

LEADERSHIP

1.1 Packaging Sustainability Strategy

Does your organisation have a packaging sustainability strategy that commits to using the Covenant Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) (or equivalent)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We continue to work with suppliers of our finished goods, who are also conscious of the guidelines. With relation to goods that our company manufacturers/converts, our policy remains focused on sustainable packaging. All products that we manufacture are supplied in 100% recycled packaging.*

Is the packaging sustainability strategy integrated into business processes? Yes

Supporting evidence: *Any new product or component sourcing, take into consideration our sustainability commitment.*

Is your packaging sustainability strategy integrated in a quality system for continuous improvement? No

Additional comments: None provided

1.2 Closed Loop Collaboration

Have you investigated options for joining or starting a collaborative closed loop initiative or program?

No

Additional comments: None provided

LEADERSHIP

1.3 Consumer Engagement

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period?	Yes
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Do you provide consumers with any information on the sustainability of your packaging?	No
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Does any of your packaging include on-pack claims or labels on packaging sustainability (excluding disposal/recycling claims and labels)?	No
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How many SKUs have package labelling that encourages active consumer engagement in packaging sustainability?	Not answered
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Does your organisation actively engage consumers, through packaging design, to reduce the impacts of consumption?	No
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Does your organisation support on-pack sustainability education with marketing campaigns?	No
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Additional comments: *We had labelling designed in accordance to the APCO guidelines, to be added to all products that we manufacture. However as we operate a B2B business, we were advised that these could not be implemented. If the changes in future, the artwork is ready to be applied to all future packaging.*

LEADERSHIP

1.4 Industry leadership

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Have you led or initiated any packaging sustainability initiative(s)? Yes

Supporting evidence: As reported earlier, all packaging related to products that we manufacture, is derived from 100% recycled materials. We are beginning to work closer with our major supplier of finished goods, as they start to make these sustainable changes.

Do you work collaboratively with other organisations or customers to improve sustainability outcomes? Yes

Number of initiatives: 1

Supporting evidence: We have worked with one of customers (our largest) who is also an APCO member and also has strong sustainability initiatives and principles within their business.

Has your organisation received external recognition for its contribution to packaging sustainability within your chosen reporting period? No

Are you actively engaging with peers to promote packaging sustainability and share sustainability knowledge for non-commercial purposes? No

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.1 Packaging Design & Procurement

Do you have a documented procedure on using the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent to evaluate and improve packaging?

No

Additional comments: *We don't yet have a documented procedure, however it is a core principle of our business and understood at all levels of our business. Our small team involved in the design of our new products and the redesign of our existing products (that we have full control over), are all aware of our sustainability commitments.*

OUTCOMES

2.2 Packaging Materials Efficiency

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to optimise the quantity of material used for packaging? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We don't have a documented process, but in the design and re-design of our products, the physical size of the product is a consideration. Many of our products have been re-designed at the smaller physical size, however with the same volume, ensuring less packaging required (based on size) and the optimisation of pallet configuration and shipping volumes.*

How many SKUs have achieved a reduction in material weight or have been optimised for material efficiency? 2

Quantitative accuracy: *High*

Supporting evidence: *Two (2) of our existing SKU's have been optimised. In 2020 when we launch our new offer, these products (two further SKU's) have been designed to take packaging reductions into account.*

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.3 Recycled & Renewable Materials

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to optimise the quantity of materials in your packaging that are renewable and/or contain recycled content? Yes

Supporting evidence: *All packaging (outer cartons, individual item wraps and cores) are manufactured by utilising 100% recycled materials.*

How many SKUs have packaging that incorporate some recycled or renewable content? 12

How many of these SKUs are made from **recycled materials**? 12

How many SKUs of packaging are made from **renewable materials**? 0

Quantitative accuracy: *High*

Supporting evidence: *Evidence from our raw material suppliers would be readily available.*

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.4 Post-consumer Recovery

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to increase or optimise the recoverability of packaging?	Yes
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Supporting evidence: *We were prepared to add the appropriate labelling to the products we control, but based on our B2B model, this is yet to be implemented by APCO. Artwork has been designed and is already on file.*

How many SKUs have packaging that can be recovered through existing post-consumer recovery systems?	195
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How many SKUs have packaging that is reusable ?	0
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How many SKUs have packaging that is recyclable ?	195
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How many SKUs have packaging that is certified home compostable ?	0
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How many SKUs have packaging that is certified industrial compostable ?	0
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How many SKUs have packaging that is compostable (not certified) ?	0
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Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

Supporting evidence: *All our product, be that product that we manufacture, or purchase and redistribute finished, are supplied on cardboard cartons that can be reused or can be recycled.*

How many SKUs have packaging that goes to landfill ?	0
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How many SKUs have packaging that can be recovered through existing post-consumer recovery systems that achieve highest potential environmental value?	195
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Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

Supporting evidence: *As above, the key component of our packaging is readily recycled. In saying that, many items that have been put on the market, contain items that do go to landfill (i.e. batteries, plastic sleeves) and this is reported on with our packaging matrix. Many of the items, have instructions, either within the packaging, or online resources, to instruct the end consumer how to dispose of the items by separating and diverting either to curbside or commercial recycling, or to landfill.*

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.5 Consumer Labelling

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period?

No

Supporting evidence: *We attempted to add consumer labelling, but were told by APCO that this is not yet in place for the commercial /B2B markets. We will adhere to this and very much support the initiative, the moment this changes.*

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to improve on-pack consumer labelling for disposal or recovery?

Not relevant

How many SKUs have packaging labelled for disposal or recovery?

Not relevant

How many SKUs have packaging labelled for disposal or recovery in compliance with standard for self-declared environmental claims)?

AS/NZS ISO 14021 (a

Not relevant

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.6 Product Packaging Innovation

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period?

No

Supporting evidence: *The product that we have designed, and that has taking this into account, is not yet on the Australian Market - I aunch will take place during the 2020 year.*

In summary, we have taken our existing product, reduced it's size and the size of the consumable product to support it. Packaging has t herefore been reduced, which enhances shipping and pallet volumes.

Not necessarily related to the packaging, but we are offering recycling option to our customers, where our new product replaces the exis ting.

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to review whole product-packaging systems to improve packaging sustainability?

Not relevant

Does your organisation have a documented procedure in place to evaluate the sustainability of whole product-packaging systems?

Not relevant

Do you report on product-packaging systems that have been evaluated using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)?

Not relevant

How many SKUs have been evaluated using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and have had packaging optimised?

Not relevant

Additional comments: None provided

OPERATIONS

3.1 Business-to-Business Packaging

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to reduce single use business-to-business packaging going from your sites and facilities to customers (e.g. manufacturers or retailers)?	Yes
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Supporting evidence: *Our major finished goods supplier is aware of the APCO targets and is working to help bring their packaging in to line. This is on top of our company trying to avoid the use of single use in the products that we manufacture and utilising items such as paper wrap.*

Are you collecting data on the amount of business-to-business packaging you provide to customers that is single-use?	Yes
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How many tonnes of single-use business-to-business packaging did you send to customers during your chosen reporting period?	102
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Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

How many tonnes of single use business-to-business packaging did you send to your customers during the previous reporting period?	123
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Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

Do you have a continuous process in place to monitor and collect data on the amount of business-to-business packaging that has been optimised for material efficiency and reuse (i.e. no further improvements in efficiency or reuse are possible at the present time)?	No
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Additional comments: *Last years APCO submission showed 47 tonnes, as I had not received all of the data required for our major supplier. The report was updated for internal purposes in May 2019 once the additional information was received, hence the increase in volume.*

OPERATIONS

3.2 Waste Diversion

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Do you collect data on the quantity of solid waste generated at your sites and facilities and the quantity or percentage of solid waste recovered? No

Can you estimate what percentage of on-site solid waste you reused, recycled, composted or sent to an energy-from-waste facility during your chosen reporting period? 30

Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

Supporting evidence: *We try and recycle any paper or cardboard waste (recycling bins & skips throughout our facility). Pallets we receive are all reused. We haven't sourced an option for the recycling of pallet wrap, but acknowledge that this is something that we do need to research.*

Additional comments: None provided

OPERATIONS

3.3 Supply Chain Influence

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Does your organisation communicate your packaging sustainability goals and packaging guidelines to the majority of tier 1 suppliers and downstream customers (for business-to-business organisations)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We do to an extent. We promote the fact that we are an APCO member and our largest customer/distributor is also a member. Our largest supplier is aware of the APCO targets and our involvement, and we have spoken/communicated about this in the past 12 month.*

Does your organisation provide support to tier 1 suppliers and customers to improve their understanding of packaging sustainability goals and strategies? No

Does your organisation collaborate with tier 1 suppliers and customers to share knowledge and improve packaging sustainability? Yes

Supporting evidence: *Yes, but we have very little influence in my opinion. Our largest supplier is a global manufacturer based out of Nth America. Our opinions and requests are heard, but how much influence it has is still yet to be seen. Although I have been assured that positive changes are taking effect.*

Does your organisation have processes in place to evaluate supply chain risks and opportunities for influence throughout the entire supply chain (tier 1 and below)? No

Does your organisation have processes in place to monitor and track compliance with key packaging sustainability requirements throughout the entire supply chain (full traceability)? No

Additional comments: None provided

PACKAGING METRICS

How much packaging by weight did your organisation put onto the market in Australia in the reporting period?

Please include all components including retail and distribution packaging. This section will be used to collect information on the total amount of packaging that is being generated in aggregate. Data will be summed across industries and sectors to estimate progress towards achieving packaging sustainability in Australia.

Aluminium	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
Glass	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
Timber	87.32 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: Medium	
Steel	0.009 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: Medium	
Composites	33.282 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: Medium	
Paper	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
Cardboard	161.021 Tonnes (50% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: Medium	
Waxed Paper	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
Gable Top Carton	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
High Wet Strength Paper	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
Liquid Paper Board - Aseptic	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	
Textiles	0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)
Quantitative accuracy: High	

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Bioplastics

0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: High

High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)

3.146 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: Medium

Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)

5.286 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: Medium

Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)

41.887 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: Medium

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

0.06 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: Medium

Polypropylene (PP)

0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: High

Expanded Polystyrene

0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: High

Polylactic Acid (PLA)

0 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: High

Other Plastics

18.183 Tonnes (0% Recycled Content)

Quantitative accuracy: Not provided

Additional comments: None provided

Freeform

Freeform Questions

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented over the previous 24 months that have improved packaging sustainability.

Not answered

Describe any opportunities or constraints that affected performance within this reporting period.

Not answered

Freeform

Freeform Case Studies

Case Study:

File: None provided

Not answered

Case Study:

File: None provided

Not answered

Case Study:

File: None provided

Not answered

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