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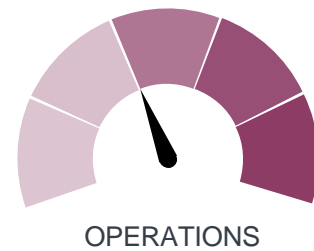
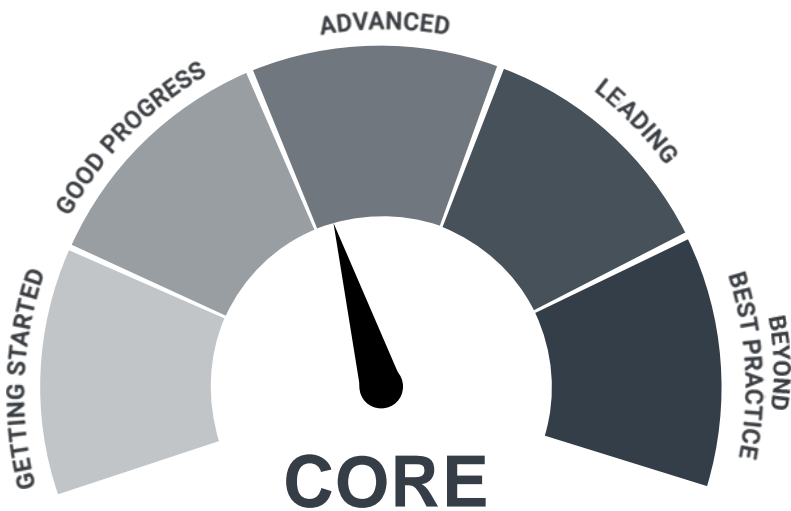
Website
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Primary Industry Sector
Machinery & Hardware

Packaging Supply Chain Position
Importer / Supplier

ABN
75110589823

DASHBOARD



SUMMARY

For the 2019 APCO Annual Report, *Ark Corporation Pty Ltd* has achieved Level 3 (Advanced) for the core criteria. All seven core criteria were answered and three out of six recommended criteria were answered. In addition, *Ark Corporation Pty Ltd* has either achieved or put in place eight out of ten relevant packaging sustainability targets, and is publicly reporting progress against eight of these targets.

INDICATORS

This Annual Report shows the organisation's performance against the APCO Packaging Sustainability Framework.

CORE: All core criteria.

RECOMMENDED: All answered recommended criteria.

TOTAL: Sum of all core and answered recommended criteria.

LEADERSHIP: All criteria that defines leadership on packaging sustainability.

OUTCOMES: All criteria that lead to direct improvement in packaging sustainability.

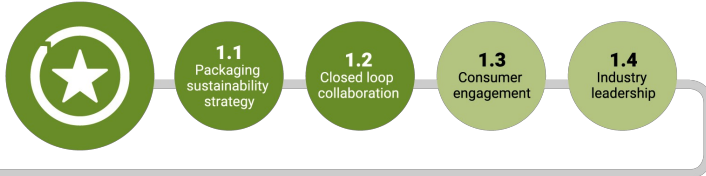
OPERATIONS: All criteria related to business operations for improving packaging sustainability.

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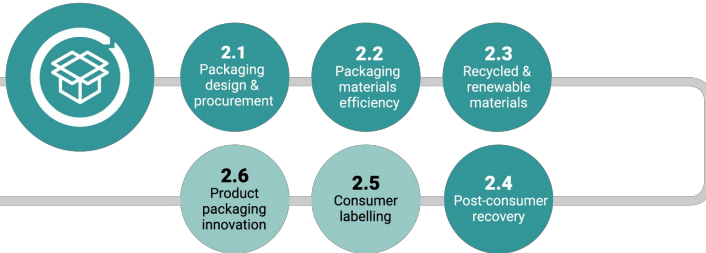
REPORTING FRAMEWORK

OVERVIEW

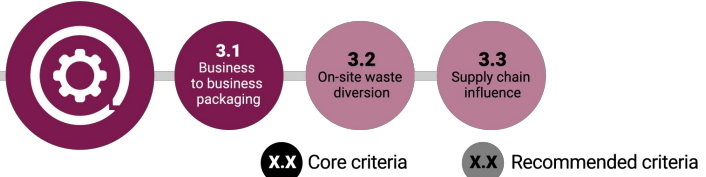
1. LEADERSHIP



2. OUTCOMES



3. OPERATIONS



X.X Core criteria

X.X Recommended criteria

LEVEL DESCRIPTION

LEVEL 0

NOT YET STARTED

The organisation does not have a plan and has not started investigating options for action under the relevant criteria.

LEVEL 1

GETTING STARTED

The organisation is developing a plan or is investigating options for action under that criteria (e.g. agreeing on goals and targets).

LEVEL 2

GOOD PROGRESS

There are documented procedures in place (e.g. to implement the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines) or some progress has been achieved, data tracking shows up to 20% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

LEVEL 3

ADVANCED

The organisation has specific, measurable targets in place, or data tracking shows that >20% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

LEVEL 4

LEADING

The organisation has more rigorous procedures in place, or an ambitious target has been met e.g. >50% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

LEVEL 5

BEYOND BEST PRACTICE

The organisation has more rigorous procedures in place, or an ambitious target has been met e.g. 100% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

ABOUT THE APCO FRAMEWORK

The APCO Packaging Sustainability Framework (the Framework) aims to provide a consistent and transparent framework for assessing and tracking packaging sustainability across organisations. The Framework consists of thirteen independent criteria that belong to three separate categories. These categories are (i) Leadership, (ii) Packaging Outcomes and (iii) Operations. The diagram above shows the different criteria included within each of these three categories.

There are two types of criteria within the Framework:

- **Core criteria** are mandatory and must be answered by all Members when completing the Annual Reporting Tool.
- **Recommended criteria** are not mandatory, but Members are encouraged to complete as many recommended criteria as possible.

Each criteria is divided into five levels of performance ranging from 'getting started' to 'beyond best practice'. The diagram above illustrates the key differences between performance levels. Please see www.packagingcovenant.org.au for more information.

ABOUT APCO

APCO is a co-regulatory, not for profit organisation that partners with government and industry to reduce the harmful impact of packaging on the Australian environment. APCO promotes sustainable design and recycling initiatives, waste to landfill reduction activities and circular economy projects. APCO Annual Reports are a key Membership obligation, providing Member organisations with a transparent method to track their packaging sustainability performance. Annual reporting also supplies APCO with valuable data and information to identify industry trends and advancements.

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FREE FORM QUESTIONS

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability.

Ark has introduced staff training in our warehouse to improve the efficiency of secondary packaging. For example staff are encouraged to choose the correct outer carton size and eliminate excess layers and labelling when packing goods prior to shipment.

TARGETS

Do you have specific targets to review new products against the SPG or equivalent?

The target is to review 100% of all new packaging designs against the SPGs

Do you have specific targets to review existing products against the SPG or equivalent?

The target was to review 50% of all existing packaging by 2015. This target was exceeded in the 2013 reporting period.

Do you have specific targets to reduce (optimise) the quantity of material used in packaging?

None provided.

Do you have specific targets to improve recoverability of packaging (e.g. reuse, recycling, recoverability)?

Re-use all undamaged discarded outer cartons to package other products

Do you have specific targets to use sustainable (e.g. renewable and recyclable) materials in packaging?

None provided.

Do you have specific targets to include on-pack labelling for disposal or recovery?

Add Mobius loop on all new packaging designs beginning from 2012

Do you have specific targets to reduce on-site waste sent to landfill?

To organise an onsite recycling skip for damaged cardboard packaging and office paper waste. Recycle any damaged batteries and faulty steel products returned by customers

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TARGETS

Do you have specific targets to improve packaging sustainability through procurement processes?

Deploy a procurement policy that states a preference for buying recycled products. This has been achieved.

Do you have specific targets to engage in closed loop collaboration(s) with stakeholders?

To inform Ark suppliers of the implementation of the SPGs (i.e. the requirements of the Australian market) and commence two way dialogue with aim of improving Ark packaging. So far we don't have a target to collaborate with local companies.

Do you have specific targets to reduce (optimise) business-to-business packaging?

Recycle steel frames which are used to transport heavy goods into Australia and steel swarf from CNC axle machine

COMMITMENTS

The Action Plan detailed below, is a public commitment to advancing packaging sustainability outcomes as a Member of APCO. Members are encouraged to have a comprehensive internal plan with the steps they will take to fulfill their commitments.

Criteria 1.1 PACKAGING SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (core)

2. Good progress

Your organisation is committed to: Having targets that are specific, measureable and time-based.

Criteria 1.2 CLOSED-LOOP COLLABORATION (core)

1. Getting started

Your organisation is committed to: Investigating options to join or start a collaborative initiative to address barriers to the recovery of waste packaging.

Criteria 1.3 CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT (recommended)

1. Getting started

Your organisation is committed to engaging consumers about packaging sustainability by: (1) Including packaging information on your website or other publications.

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COMMITMENTS

Criteria 1.4 INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP (recommended)

Not relevant

Your organisation has indicated that this criteria is not relevant.

Criteria 2.1 PACKAGING DESIGN & PROCUREMENT (core)

3. Advanced

Your organisation is committed to: Reviewing at least 20% of packaging with reference to the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPG) or equivalent.

Criteria 2.2 PACKAGING MATERIALS EFFICIENCY (core)

4. Leading

Your organisation is committed to: Reducing packaging weight or optimising packaging material efficiency in more than 50% of products.

Criteria 2.3 RECYCLED & RENEWABLE MATERIALS (core)

1. Getting started

Your organisation is committed to: Investigating opportunities to increase the use of recycled and/or renewable materials in packaging.

Criteria 2.4 POST-CONSUMER RECOVERY (core)

5. Beyond best practice

Your organisation is committed to: Having all primary packaging be recoverable through existing post-consumer recovery systems and achieving the highest potential environmental value.

Criteria 2.5 CONSUMER LABELLING (recommended)

4. Leading

Your organisation is committed to: Labelling more than 50% of products with disposal or recovery information.

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COMMITMENTS

Criteria 2.6 PRODUCT-PACKAGING INNOVATION (recommended)

1. Getting started

Your organisation is committed to: Investigating opportunities to change the design or delivery of at least one product to improve packaging sustainability.

Criteria 3.1 BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS PACKAGING (core)

1. Getting started

Your organisation is committed to: Developing a plan or investigating opportunities to reduce the amount of single-use business-to-business (B2B) packaging used internally or sent to customers.

Criteria 3.2 ON-SITE WASTE DIVERSION (recommended)

Not relevant

Your organisation has indicated that this criteria is not relevant.

Criteria 3.3 SUPPLY CHAIN INFLUENCE (recommended)

3. Advanced

Your organisation is committed to engaging its supply chain about packaging sustainability by: (1) Communicating goals and guidelines. (2) Providing support to suppliers to improve their understanding of goals and strategies. (3) Collaborating with key suppliers to share knowledge.

SIGN OFF

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