SNF Responsible Care





RESPONSIBLE CARE

9 Principles to follow...

With a view to achieving Sustainable Development, the ICCA (International Council of Chemical Associations) has intensified its "Responsible Care programme of the chemical industry" with the publication of a new "Global Charter" in February 2006. As a member of UIC and a believer in Responsible Care, we commit ourselves to leading our operations with the constant desire to improve safety, health protection and the protection of the environment, and to apply the following principles:

1. Ensuring that:

- the policy which is defined and applied in matters of safety, health protection and the
 protection of the environment corresponds to the present principles and to the key
 elements of the "Responsible Care Global Charter";
- the policy is clearly defined as an integral part of our general corporate policy.
- **2.** See to it that management and staff know these principles and apply them to all their industrial and commercial activities.
- **3.** Establish evaluation criteria of sub-contractors and contracting parties so as to check that they operate within the framework of Responsible Care principles.
- **4.** Respect the regulations and professional recommendations in the various activities and implement the best industrial practices.
- Seek to achieve continual improvement in the fields of safety, health protection and the preservation of the environment.
- Assess and control the effects of these activities on health, staff safety, customers, the public and on the environment.
- Take part in the development and implementation of the regulations with the authorities and the competent organisations.
- **5.** Inform staff on the nature and characteristics of installations and on the potential effects caused by products. More particulary, implement internal procedures so as to prevent accidents or limit their consequences, and contribute to the implementation of the corresponding external procedures.
- **6.** Communicate the appropriate information to customers, the public and relevant authorities. More particularly, advise customers all along the value chain on how to manage, use and dispose of products while respecting health, safety and environmental measures.
- **7.** Seek the most efficient technical and economical way of using resources, finding a beneficial use for by-products, reducing and treating waste; ensure that all the procedures respect health, safety conditions and the environment.
- **8.** Contribute to research work done in the fields of safety, health protection and the protection of the environment.

9. Ensure the promotion of Responsible Care principles and their implementation by sharing one's experience with other stakeholders whenever possible. More particularly, regularly exchange ideas on the Health – Safety - Environmental performances and on the implementation of Responsible Care. To show we are open to discussions, commit ourselves to going beyond a personal checking of the implementation of Responsible Care and aim for an external verification process, thus intensifying the stakeholders' trust.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CODE

- The CEO is committing himself for his company. He undertakes to involve in the programme all the plants managers. This involvement is guaranteed by the signature of the concerned managers. Any change of trade name or CEO shall imply a new signature.
- The Company is committed to participate in the "Responsible Care" programme in all the countries in which it operates and to support every "Responsible Care" initiative in these countries.
- Every signatory commits oneself to reply :
 - each year to the HSE inquiry "Key Performance Indicators" (KPI),
 - at least every 3 years, to the self-assessment inquiry about implementation of "Responsible Care".
- The lack of reply, during two years running, to one of these inquiries, may entail the withdrawal of status of member of the "Responsible Care" programme and cancelling of the license to use the associated logo.
- Every signatory commits oneself to implement a process ensuring the credibility of the supplied information dealing with HSE and the implementation of "Responsible Care".
- The Company shall display the "Responsible Care" logo as often as possible in compliance with the associated Charter.





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