

**International Associates Limited** is a Third Party Certification Body specialising in the audit, assessment, training and certification in the fields of Medical Device Quality Management Systems, Social Accountability Management Systems and Labour Standards.

**International Associates Limited** have invested in designing a software management system that is web-based so as to reduce our environmental impact and ecological footprint wherever we operate around the globe.

We aim to become a market leader in the supply of such e-services by using sound environmental principles and philosophies.

**International Associates Limited**, in its day-to-day activities and its advice to clients, is endeavouring to account for its environmental impact fully and aims to continuously improve our environmental performance, prevent pollution and sustain our flora, fauna and biodiversity.

In doing so, we have targeted the following to preserve the environment and its resources for future generations.

- Reduction of the number of visits to clients by road for ongoing conformity assessment (however, this does not reduce the time spent per annum). Including the use of remote audits. Use public transport services wherever this is possible, dependent upon client location.
- Where vehicles are required for client visits, ensure that our planning system is as effective as possible to reduce unnecessary trips. We will endeavour to use vehicles with low fuel consumption and emission levels.
- Reduction in the number of air flights by regionalisation of our office international network.
- Ensure that all quotations, communications, invoices and all services are delivered by e-methods or available online so as not to use paper, ink cartridges and reduce the electricity consumption.
- Re-use redundant equipment such as computers and screens, or supply them to charities, schools etc., to support the education system as part of our environmental stewardship and social responsibility.
- We refrain from the use of environmentally hazardous chemicals for cleaning purposes in all our offices.
- Ensure purchasing practices require utilise energy-efficient electrical appliances in our office premises wherever possible to reduce the depletion of natural resources.
- Integrating environmental objectives into our client interfaces and communications.
- Ensuring that any subcontractor auditors, inspectors, trainers, and experts that we contract embrace and comply with our environmental policies and conditions.

- Ensuring that the environmental policy is available to the public via our website, including interested parties and communicated to all our staff to ensure they understand and comply with it.
- Ensuring that we comply with all legal and regulatory environmental requirements.
- Reduce the amount of office space required by allowing staff to work flexibly at home.
- Using electric company vehicles
- Monitoring, measuring and reporting the company's carbon footprint on an annual basis.
- Reducing IT/data Storage requirements and using cloud-based servers
- Recycling and office materials.
- Encouraging staff to adhere to the company policies when operating a work-from-home pattern.
- Provide training to staff.



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