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SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Aim

To sustainably source, import, store and distribute botanicals used in the distillation of gin.

Policy Principles

Beacon Commodities place responsible sourcing at the forefront of their operations, buying from only known and approved suppliers. Our approach to business is guided by commitments to source botanicals with the following principles in mind;

- Quality
- Ethical
- Consistency
- Trust
- Food Safety & Legislation

Important Issues

For Beacon Commodities, family ties in the botanical trade stretch over 40 years and we have noticed a significant increase in demand for botanicals over that time. We still rely on agriculture as the products we source are the raw materials which have all been affected by climate change and this increased demand.

At Beacon Commodities we have prioritised the following issues that need to be addressed:

- Product Availability / Sustainability of Supply
- Climate Change
- Accessibility
- Ethical / Corporate Responsibility
- Continued Improvement in Quality and Consistency
- Chain of Custody
- Traceability of our Products

Our Commitments

To address these issues, Beacon Commodities have detailed our commitments as follows:

1. Our business requires us to travel the globe to ensure our botanicals are of excellent quality, consistency and ethically sourced. This creates unavoidable emissions from passenger flights and car mileage. Beacon Commodities have and will continue offset these unavoidable emissions through certified carbon removal credits and carbon avoidance projects both in the UK and around the globe.
2. New to 2025, Beacon Commodities have signed up to Ecologi. Ecologi is a leading UK climate platform where Beacon Commodities can fund science-based climate solutions like carbon avoidance, removal projects, reforestation and habitat restoration.
3. Beacon Commodities continue to gather information from their suppliers on their sustainability targets. This is an on-going project allowing us to work together to make improvements.

4. Our family business is run from our homes so along with no commuting and cloud-based storage we are already committed to and will continue with preferable purchasing such as; recycled paper, remanufactured and refillable toner cartridges, energy rated multi-function devices, low mercury fluorescent and LED lighting.
5. Every year we donate to a charity supporting the removal of plastic waste from the world's oceans, rivers and coastlines. This recognizes the fact that we use polypropylene bags. Currently, there is no suitable alternative but we are continuing to monitor the situation. In 2023, we changed the way we sent out samples, replacing our sample bags and labels with 100% recyclable products.
6. Beacon Commodities has opened a Grant Fund with the Suffolk Community Foundation and over the last 2 years have donated £15,000.
The fund has been created to support Suffolk charities and community groups which;
 - a). Provide food, hot meals and support to those in need
 - b). Support children and young people
 - c). A combination of a) and b) where possible
 - d). There is particular desire to fund initiatives in the Hadleigh, Whatfield and Felixstowe areas, while other applications will also be welcomed.
7. Continue to make an annual contribution at Christmas to Save the Children and Great Ormond Street Hospital.
8. Bring a knowledge of farming methods in order to attain the best crop results. Tommy Haughton, a trained charter surveyor will use his breadth of knowledge to encourage and educate suppliers into more sustainable practices.
9. Ensure stability within the botanical market through continued projects such as the planting and harvesting of English coriander. Continue to explore other options for British grown botanicals.
10. Following the recent expansion of our UK warehouse that allows us to store over 18 months' worth of stock we will continue to explore other areas for growth to ensure product accessibility.
11. Traceability of our products is key to the success of our business and that is why through our continued certification of BRCGS we already ensure products are traceable throughout the supply chain.
12. Our longevity within the industry ensures strong relationships with our suppliers and we will commit to educate them on our policy to encourage them to align their operating practices to our policy objectives to ensure product availability and sustainability of supply.
13. As members of SEDEX we ensure our suppliers operate responsibly, sustainably and protect workers. Beacon Commodities will continue to develop and educate employees on recent ethical training to ensure the lessons are learnt and policies put into practice.



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