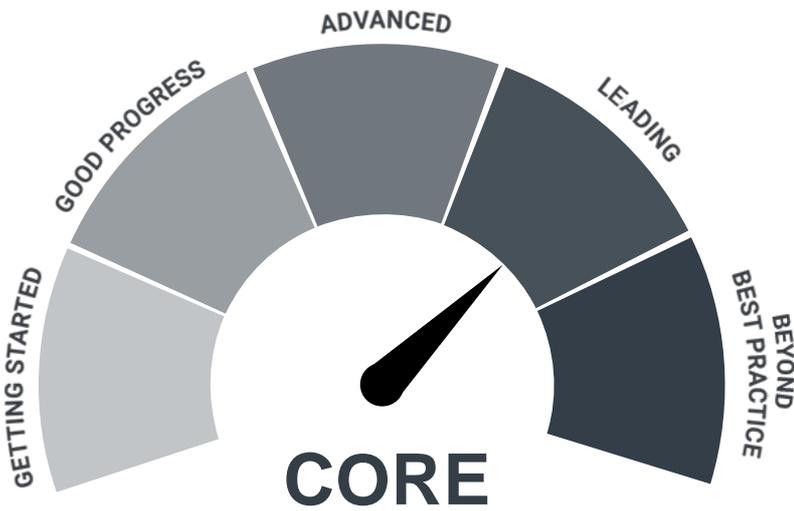


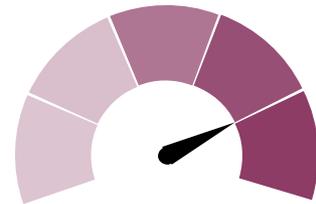
DASHBOARD



LEADERSHIP



OUTCOMES



OPERATIONS

SUMMARY

For the 2021 APCO Annual Report, *Blundstone Australia Pty Ltd* has achieved Level 4 (Leading) for the core criteria. All seven core criteria were answered and six out of six recommended criteria were answered.

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.

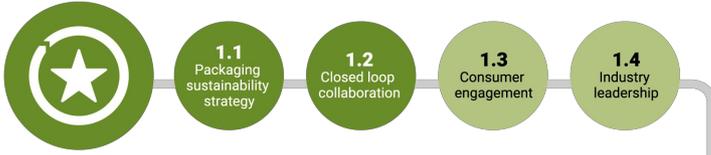
OUTCOMES: All criteria that lead to direct improvement in packaging sustainability.

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

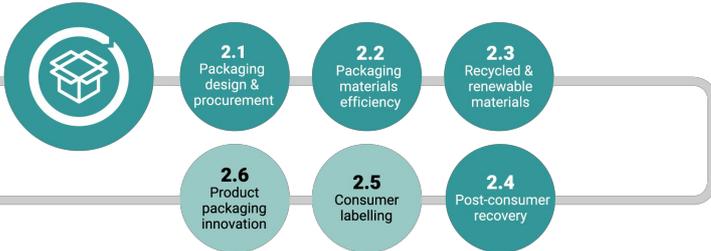
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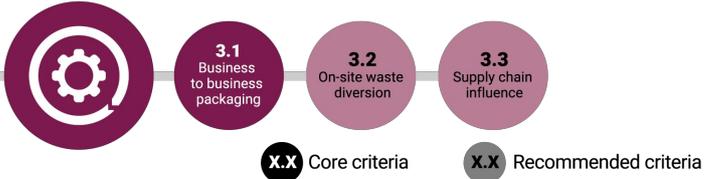
1. LEADERSHIP



2. OUTCOMES



3. OPERATIONS



X.X Core criteria

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.

FREE FORM QUESTIONS

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

Blundstone initiated a trial to investigate how we could increase the amount of recycled material in the shrink-wrap plastic used in our packaging. Our shrink supplier, Allviron, recommended we try a 25% recycled LDPE material with a high likelihood that the final result would be fit for purpose.

Allviron agreed to make a smaller trial batch, and Blundstone agreed to absorb the additional costs of the trial, and the 25% recycled LDPE shrink wrap plastic was produced. We found that it was equally as effective as the plastic made from virgin materials, and have therefore implemented this change, which has removed the need for 200 kilograms of virgin plastic material.

The packaging for our single pair shoelaces was reviewed, and we were able to remove a metal D-ring and disposable paper wrapper, and replace them with a 100% recycled and recyclable cardboard package.

Blundstone is committed to continually look into ways of removing problematic single use plastics from the packaging materials. The remaining plastics have been challenging to remove because customers have specifically requested certain plastic packaging items remain, for the sake of product protection in transport for example. In these scenarios we are still looking for viable alternatives, and considering if we may be able to incorporate recycled content into the plastic as an intermediate and temporary option.

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)

3. Advanced

Your organisation is committed to: Ensuring that your organisation has a documented process in place for continuous improvement to your packaging sustainability strategy.

Criteria 1.2 CLOSED-LOOP COLLABORATION (core)

3. Advanced

Your organisation is committed to: Ensuring that rigorous processes are implemented to collect data for the purposes of monitoring the performance of the closed loop collaboration.

Criteria 1.3 CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT (recommended)

3. Advanced

Your organisation is committed to engaging consumers about packaging sustainability by: (1) Including packaging information on your website or other publications. (2) Applying on-pack claims or labels. (3) Applying labels that encourage active consumer engagement.

COMMITMENTS

Criteria 1.4 INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP (recommended)

1. Getting started

Your organisation is committed to: (1) Being involved in a program or initiative to improve packaging sustainability through collaboration and leadership.

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)

4. Leading

Your organisation is committed to: Incorporating or optimising recycled and/or renewable content in more than 50% of products.

Criteria 2.4 POST-CONSUMER RECOVERY (core)

4. Leading

Your organisation is committed to: Having more than 50% of 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.

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)

4. Leading

Your organisation is committed to: Reducing consumption of single use business-to-business (B2B) packaging by more than 50% or optimising more than 50% of B2B packaging for efficiency and reuse.

Criteria 3.2 ON-SITE WASTE DIVERSION (recommended)

3. Advanced

Your organisation is committed to: Investigating opportunities to divert more than 20% of solid waste generated at facilities (factories, warehouses, offices, retail stores etc.) from landfill.

Criteria 3.3 SUPPLY CHAIN INFLUENCE (recommended)

5. Beyond best practice

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. (4) Having processes to evaluate risks and opportunities for influence. (5) Having business processes to monitor supplier compliance.

SIGN OFF

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