

## **BURSA ULUDAG UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE PURCHASE POLICY**

### ***Objective***

Bursa Uludağ University (BUU) Sustainable Purchasing Policy has been prepared to create long-term shared value for all stakeholders and to work with all suppliers towards a sustainable future. BUU is developing sustainably. It aims to create a positive social impact on the lives of the stakeholders involved in this process and to reduce the negative impact on the environment.

### ***Introduction***

A supply chain is a network of individuals and companies who are involved in creating a product and delivering it to the consumer. Links on the chain begin with the producers of the raw materials and end when the van delivers the finished product to the end user. The traditional supply chain, which focuses on economic and financial business performance, has been replaced by sustainable supply chain management over time. Sustainable supply chain is the combination of economic, environmental and social objectives. In sustainable supply chains, in order to stay in the supply chain, members are expected to comply with environmental and social criteria, and maintain competitiveness by meeting customer needs and relevant economic criteria. In recent years, multinational companies have been working with suppliers that comply with social and environmental standards. These companies expect their suppliers to comply with these standards. These suppliers also require their suppliers to comply with the standards. With these developments, Bursa Uludağ University implements purchasing practices that encourage the use and purchase of environmentally and socially compatible products. BUU benefits from supplier relationships that reduce negative environmental impact and maximize resource efficiency. This Policy covers all suppliers of the university. Suppliers are expected to comply with the Policy and communicate the Policy to their employees and their own supply chains. BUU, which operates within the scope of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, is a state university. It aims to turn to mechanisms that guarantee sustainability in the entire supply chain of the university. BUU is based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, along with national laws and regulations, as well as globally standardized quality management systems that guarantee its own internal sustainable supply. This guide will provide basic information and resources to raise awareness of sustainable procurement in the university, to

inform about the sustainable options available, and to empower university staff to take sustainable actions in their departments. BUU Administrative and Financial Affairs Department undertakes the responsibility of sustainable purchasing and ensures that each purchasing activity is carried out in accordance with the legal basis of this policy.

### ***Why Sustainable Procurement?***

Sustainable purchasing;

- \* Increases efficiency and reduces costs in the long run
- \*Contributes to the development of the university's corporate social responsibility policy throughout the supply chain
- \*Minimizes the risk of engaging with suppliers with a poor environmental record;
- \*Helps us rethink unnecessary purchases or switch to reusable/renewable/repairable options;
- \*Supports the university's policy of producing zero waste and reducing the total amount of waste.

### ***How to start up sustainable purchasing?***

Here are some important issues that will help you make a sustainable purchasing decision. Combinations of these strategies can be applied to almost any product purchase. It summarizes some of the information that the university should consider when making key product purchases.

#### ***1.Unnecessary purchases are minimized***

A product that does not need to be purchased has the lowest environmental footprint. At the purchasing stage, it is necessary to ensure that there are no pre-existing products or resources that can meet the need.

#### ***2.Life cycle costs are significant.***

The purchase price is not the only cost factor to consider. Energy, waste or stationery costs can sometimes be more expensive than the product itself, so all cost items are considered when making a decision.

#### ***3.Reliable certified products are purchased.***

Certified products are produced on the basis of quality, which reduces the environmental impact and gives all stakeholders the idea that the business is sensitive and friendly to the natural environment.

#### ***4. Cyclic designed product is purchased***

The circular economy is an economy model that reuses products and minimizes waste. It aims to improve the life cycle of products and to minimize the resulting waste. Therefore, consideration is given to recycled content, durability and repairability, recyclable packaging, and whether there are take-back or reuse programs.

#### ***5. Green suppliers are preferred***

It aims to support vendors and suppliers who incorporate sustainability into their practices and supply chains.

#### ***6. Consumption is minimized***

Behaviors that will minimize consumption such as not using unnecessary printers, using duplex paper, choosing reusable materials in offices are developed.

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#### ***1. Electronic product***

Products with high energy efficiency, certified, recycled content and repairable products are preferred.

#### ***2. Stationery***

Reusable, refillable, herbal and water-based products with recycled content are preferred. While purchasing new stationery materials, they are encouraged to use first by checking the existing ones.

#### ***3. Laboratory Supplies and Equipment***

Products with certified recycled content are preferred.

#### ***4. Furniture and Construction Materials***

Recycled or refurbished, sustainably sourced, locally produced and environmentally certified furniture and building materials are preferred.

## ***5. Food***

BUU prefers products that are produced with techniques that produce healthy food for people and at the same time provide sustainable effects on the environmental, economic and social systems that surround food. Aiming at both efficiency and healthy production, these systems are designed to save the world and the future of the world.

Food service and procurement provided to academic-administrative staff and students within BUÜ are determined by the technical specification covering the dates 01.07.2022/30.06.2023 prepared by the Directorate of Nutrition Services of the Department of Health and Sports. Technical Specification rules are presented in Annex 1.

## ***6. Tools***

It is encouraged to purchase vehicles with minimized environmental impact that contribute to sustainable transportation.