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ENVIRONMENT

Dairy Crest recognises that as a major manufacturer and distributor of dairy products it has a responsibility to protect and enhance the environment in which it operates. We comply with all the requirements of environmental legislation within the UK and European Union.

The major issues currently facing the company are:

- Minimising emissions of greenhouse gases
- Responsible use of packaging
- Effective protection of the environment through application of the Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control standard

Dairy Crest is addressing these issues by the following methods:

- Control of Emissions
 - The company participates in a Climate Change Agreement set up through the Dairy Industry Association with DEFRA. This agreement requires Dairy Crest to implement cost effective energy saving measures over the course of the agreement (2001 to 2010) at its processing sites. Under the agreement energy saving targets are set out by DEFRA. Dairy Crest is committed to the achievement of these targets whenever economically possible through effective energy management.
 - Sites where combustion capacity is greater than 20MW of thermal input have joined the EU Emissions Trading Scheme, which comes into force in 2005. This scheme sets a cap on the emissions of CO₂ from the combustion installation on site with financial penalties for exceeding this level.



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- Distribution vehicles are regularly serviced and emissions checked to ensure all UK and EU standards are met. Replacement vehicles are purchased or leased to meet the highest EU requirements for emissions.
- Packaging
 - Packaging waste regulations require Dairy Crest to recover and recycle a fixed proportion of the packaging produced or used by the company. Dairy Crest meets this requirement by membership of the compliance scheme set up by the Dairy Industry Association – Wastepak. The company is also represented on working groups looking at the potential for further recycling of plastic food packaging.
- Environmental Protection
 - Dairy Crest is committed to Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control (IPPC)
 - the large processing sites will be required to operate under a license issued by the Environment Agency to meet the Pollution Prevention & Control regulations. These regulations require controls to be in place for emissions into the air, into water, on land, and of noise and odours. Dairy Crest requires all its smaller production sites to meet similar requirements. IPPC is being achieved through the use of Environmental Management Systems (EMS). All production sites and the large distribution site at Nuneaton have been accredited to the international standard for Environmental Management systems ISO 14001 and report internally on environmental performance every financial period.