

# SWEDENCARE GROUP SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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### **1.1. Objective**

Sustainability is an integrated part of the Swedencare Group (hereinafter referred to as “Swedencare” or “the group”) for sustainable, long-term value creation for its owners, customers, employees, suppliers, investors, partners, and society at large. Sustainability is to uphold the brand, contribute to a long-term sustainable company and a sustainable customer offering.

The main purpose of Swedencare’s Sustainability Policy is to define the overall focus areas for all units within the group and how sustainability is to be conducted in terms of governance, approach and monitoring.

### **1.2. Governance of sustainability activities**

Sustainability is an integrated feature of Swedencare’s business- and action plans. Swedencare’s Board of Directors is responsible for governing and monitoring the group’s sustainability work by annually reviewing this policy and its related targets.

### **1.3. Scope**

The Sustainability Policy applies to the entire Swedencare Group as of the day it is adopted by Swedencare’s Board of Directors.

Sustainability covers respect and protection for the environment, human rights, labor and business ethics. Swedencare’s sustainability efforts are to support and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”). Swedencare has identified SDGs 5, 8, 12, 13 and 14 as the most relevant to the business and those where the group can make a positive contribution and reduce its negative impact.

Sustainability activities are developed and improved by engaging various stakeholders including owners, customers, employees, suppliers, investors, partners, industry, civil society organizations and authorities.

### **1.4. Responsible business conduct**

Responsible business conduct involves how Swedencare’s own operations are to be conducted so that sustainability is integrated into the business.

This entails that:

- Sustainability requirements are to be placed on suppliers.
- A high level of business ethics is to permeate the business.
- Swedencare is to be a responsible and attractive employer.

- The environmental impact of the business is to be reduced by active work.

A responsible business conduct contributes to the UN SDGs and Swedencare's sustainability targets. Employees need to follow rules and guidelines, actively promote integrating sustainability into the operations and have sound understanding of Swedencare's sustainability agenda.

Further guidance regarding responsible business conduct can be found on the Code of Conduct for employees and suppliers.

### **1.5. Sustainability focus areas**

Swedencare's sustainability efforts are focused on: Responsible business conduct and long term environmental and social commitment according to set targets in relation to SDGs 5, 8, 12, 13 and 14.

### **1.6. Sustainable purchases**

By placing sustainability requirements on suppliers, Swedencare can reduce its business risk and contribute to sustainable development. The foundation of this work are contract instructions (where applicable) and the Code of Conduct for Suppliers, which is based on the principles of the UN Global Compact.

Sustainability requirements are to be made on suppliers and, in conjunction with procurement, an assessment of sustainability related risks is to be made. As part of continuous follow-up, reference is made to the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Suppliers.

### **1.7. Business ethics**

For Swedencare regulatory compliance and a high level of business ethics are important therefore governance documents and guidelines exist for:

Employee Code of Conduct, Supplier Code of Conduct, Group Finance & Reporting Handbook and Whistle-blowing procedures.

### **1.8. Responsible employer**

Swedencare has the ambition to be a responsible and attractive employer that supports health and contributes to a sustainable work life. A positive corporate culture and well-defined values are to help attract and retain the best employees.

### **1.9. Environmental impact**

Swedencare works to reduce the direct environmental and climate impact of the business. The guiding principles are reduced carbon emissions, resource efficiency as well as recycling and re-use. In line with this commitment, we prioritize the acquisition of pre-owned, recycled, and upcycled furniture and equipment wherever feasible. Swedencare will work to influence stakeholders to reduce their environmental and climate impact.

### **1.10. Long-term environmental and social commitment**

Swedencare will engage in preventative work concerning climate change, actively work to reduce climate footprint and contribute to social sustainability by 2030.

### **1.11. Reporting of sustainability activities**

The person who is responsible for sustainability at Swedencare is responsible for coordinating, supporting and following up reports on sustainability activities. Data from all the subsidiaries of the group is collected on the sustainability platform and will be reported annually in the Sustainability Report, included in the Annual Report. Swedencare's goal is to follow the ESRS standard connected to Sustainability Reporting.

### **1.12. Compliance and the policy's connection to relevant governance documents**

The CEO as well as the managers of the Swedencare's subsidiaries are responsible for compliance with this Sustainability Policy and that the adopted instructions and related governance documents are in line with this Policy and that there are self-assessments and procedures in the operations to ensure a high level of internal control.

### **1.13. Amendments**

The person in charge of updating the Sustainability Policy (external or internal) is the one responsible of sustainability at Swedencare. The Sustainability Policy is to be addressed and resolved on by the Board of Directors annually regardless of any changes and updates.