Arvind Limited

Sustainable Packaging Strategy

Introduction:

Packaging in the textile industry is majorly used to contain, carry, store and protect goods. It has impacts on the environment in all the life cycle phases be it raw material extraction on end-of-life. It is important to understand that each packaging material will have its pros and cons in environmental terms. The relationship between packaging and climate change is also intertwined. At Arvind, we have examined our packaging use, devised various programs to promote change and also set a target for driving change.

This strategy document portrays our conscious effort towards integrating sustainability in our use of packaging. This strategy applies to Arvind Limited and its manufacturing operations.

Target

We are committed to "**Reducing the weight of plastic packaging by 10%, by 2030 compared to baseline of 2022".** We endeavour to accelerate the reusability and recyclability of the packaging material used in our operation through a circular economy approach, with an equal focus on consumption & cost aspects.

Programs:

The programs included as part of our Sustainable Packaging Strategy are:

Programs to increase the use of reusable packaging.

To minimize the need for disposable packaging assess the business operations to identify areas where the packaging can be reused. For instance, we have adopted reusable wooden pallets for yarn shipping, reusable HDPE bags for waste collection and recycled PP for packing fabric rolls.

Programs to increase the use of recyclable packaging.

We will identify packaging material and its parameters in alignment with the nature of application. Based on this assessment, we will compare the parameters of recyclable packaging both on environmental and economic basis. Depending on the results, we will strive to increase the use of recyclable packaging.

Programs to ensure that recyclable packaging is actually recycled.

For ensuring that recyclable packaging is actually recycled, partner with agencies that recycle material and continuously monitor them or set up in-house infrastructure for collection, sorting and recycling infrastructure.

Allocation of R&D resources to sustainable packaging and alternative solutions.

For sustainable packaging to work it's important that its quality parameters remain best suited all along the use phase. Also, it must be recyclable, biodegradable, compostable, or resource efficient. It is challenging to develop or implement sustainable packaging solutions, thus we will allocate R&D resources for developing such solutions. E.g. Through our in-house lab we were able to reduce the weight of paper tubes which is used for fabric role packaging.

Monitoring and Reporting

We monitor the packaging used for our products by material type, including plastic, wood and paper, metal and glass. We report the quantities used annually, together with the share of recyclable plastic packaging, the share of recycled content in plastic packaging and progress against our target.

Way Forward

We believe the packaging landscape is continually evolving with numerous innovations coming up to improve the environmental performance of packaging. We will continue to monitor these changes and periodically update this strategy based on our understanding of the globally available best practices and solutions.