



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability and Management System

For almost 100 years, the BLANCO brand is known for high-quality, durable products that make everyday life in the kitchen more comfortable. In doing so, the efficient and careful use of resources and trendsetting quality standards at premium level have an extremely high priority. Sustainability in all its aspects has long been an integral part of BLANCO's corporate culture and is firmly anchored in the entire value chain. It is our declared objective to combine economically successful development with the assumption of ecological and social responsibility.

The globally aligned BLANCO Management System ensures fulfillment of customer requirements as well as relevant legislation and standards worldwide by defined processes and guidelines. We are constantly developing it further according to our own priorities so that it optimally supports the BLANCO business model and underlines our claim on excellent product and service quality.

We operate and certify the energy management system in accordance with ISO 50001 within the BLANC & FISCHER Family Holding. Through even stronger networking across BLANC & FISCHER Family Holding in the future, sustainability activities will be intensified throughout the entire group of companies and concrete sustainability goals will be anchored in the corporate strategy – because of our responsibility for the environment and society, as well as for our customers, partners and employees.

Information on Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

REGULATION (EC) No. 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL (REACH) of 18 December 2006 regulates the registration, assessment, approval and restriction of chemical substances within the EU. It also includes provisions for the disclosure of substance information within the supply chain.

Particularly concerning substances are specified in the SVHC (Substances of very high Concern) candidate list of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>). The REACH regulation was enacted with the aim of better protecting people and the environment against the dangers and risks that chemical substances may pose. We take the resulting obligations very seriously.

We work closely with our suppliers, making regular enquiries and securing confirmations to ensure compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). This is also documented in continuous internal audits. In addition, the requirements of the REACH regulation constitute binding provisions for the development and approval of our products. In line with Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), we can state that our products are regularly checked for the substances on the ECHA's SVHC candidate list. If these tests uncover substances that exceed the permissible quantities, we will inform our customers accordingly.

Our mixer taps meet all of the requirements of the EC Drinking Water Directive. Our waste kits meet all requirements for safe use with our kitchen sinks. Under the REACH regulation, we are obliged to point out that our mixer taps, soap dispensers and waste kits, drinking water systems contain products made from alloys with levels of lead (EC number: 231-100-4, CAS number: 7439-92-1) that exceed the specified proportion of 0.1%.