Azure Biosystems – Sustainable Procurement Policy

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Introduction
Azure Biosystems is committed to building responsible, long-term partnerships with suppliers that uphold ethical, environmental, and social standards. This policy outlines our expectations and priorities in sustainable procurement practices.

Principles

1. **Preference for Certified Suppliers**
   Azure favors partners certified under ISO 9001, ISO 14001, or equivalent standards. We periodically request proof of certification as part of our supplier review.

2. **European and Regional Sourcing**
   Where feasible, Azure prioritizes sourcing components and logistics services from partners based in Europe or with European storage capabilities, to reduce emissions and delivery times.

3. **Eco-Design and Environmental Commitments**
   Preference is given to suppliers who demonstrate:

   - Use of recyclable or low-impact materials
   - Reduced use of hazardous substances
   - Participation in voluntary sustainability initiatives (e.g. 1% for the Planet)

4. **Supplier Code of Conduct**
   All suppliers must sign and adhere to Azure's Code of Conduct, which includes commitments to:

   - Fair labor practices (no child or forced labor)
   - Safe and ethical working conditions
   - Environmental responsibility

5. **Ongoing Collaboration and Auditing**
   Azure seeks to build transparent relationships through regular dialogue and sustainability data exchange with key suppliers.

Review and Responsibility
The VP of Operations and ESG Lead review this policy annually. Updates may be made in accordance with new regulatory or industry developments.

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