

## **Reusable Packaging Policy**

As with most UK businesses, the global pandemic hit SAANRO hard. Now during our recovery from its effects, instead of looking outwards for different methods of increasing efficiency, reducing costs, and increasing sustainability, we decided to look inwards. After investigating all the processes at SAANRO we discovered a number of ways to decrease our overall environmental impact.

One of the primary ways we discovered SAANRO could improve was our packaging, with all our products being delivered in HDPE containers we were generating a significant amount of waste plastic. After reviewing our options, we put into place a policy that we would collect any used containers within a 30-mile radius, while this helped to reduce our environmental impact we sought to further improve after discovering some pickup journeys were producing more emissions than would be created buying virgin plastic. Our solution has cut down on SAANRO waste plastic by over 15%, we achieved this by optimising our pickups within 5 miles of our delivery routes and through our partnership with HDPE recycling and reconditioning company, *Recontainers Ltd*.

*Recontainers Ltd* specialises in the collection and processing of waste IBCs & 205L containers. Once collected they deliver these to their waste management facility in Haslingden. At this facility, the containers are checked and separated with reusable containers sent for reconditioning, undergoing a vigorous cleaning process, and unusable containers transported to a recycling centre to be turned back into HDPE pellets.

Furthering our efforts, we are currently in talks with clients to implement a deposit scheme on our 1000L containers, this will not only

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help reduce plastic waste but increase the care in which they are handled ensuring they are fit for reconditioning and reuse. After some initial trials, this policy was able to produce a 80% return rate.

The UK has been hit with several cost-increasing crisis's, from inflation and Russia to Brexit and of course the pandemic, all of these have increased material and shipping costs across the board. With companies consistently raising their prices and our suppliers doing the same we continue to fight against the status quo finding new ways to increase our sustainability and keep our costs down, ensuring our customers get the products and service they deserve at a price they deserve.

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