



Universal Corporation Water Stewardship Policy

Universal has a fundamental responsibility to its stakeholders to achieve high standards of environmental performance to support sustainable operations. Within our operations, water is used to condition tobacco for long term storage and in our supply chain water is necessary for growing tobacco and other agricultural products. Understanding our global environmental risks and opportunities is critical to maintaining our commitments to the communities in which we operate. In alignment with our Environmental Policy, Universal commits to water stewardship by monitoring our industrial and supply chain activities and cooperating with supply chain partners to implement strategies that effectively manage water use throughout our operations and supply chain.

To Universal, water stewardship is water usage that is socially and culturally equitable, environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial, achieved through a multi-stakeholder process. As a business that is committed to supplying our products in an internationally recognized and sustainable way, we believe that water resources should be managed in an efficient manner in order to continue to support ecosystems and maintain societal and cultural balance.

In our operations, we commit to optimizing our water usage and to find ways to reduce our impact. This includes measuring water throughout our supply chain and identifying opportunities for water reuse and recycling. We work with local governments and other stakeholders around the world to comply with water treatment requirements and are expanding our data collection to provide a wholistic picture of our water impacts. We also believe in access to water for our employees and those in our supply chain and commit to understanding societal water risks in addition to those within our operations.

Universal commits to identifying opportunities for optimizing water consumption, working with our suppliers to implement Good Agricultural Practices, addressing WASH risks in our supply chain, and implementing best practices while disclosing publicly our progress towards these commitments through our annual Sustainability Report and other third party requests. We will engage various stakeholders in order to support the achievement of these goals.

Due to our differing operating environments, our local teams shall develop operational policies and programs suitable for the local operating environment, commit organizational resources and educate our workforce to adhere to applicable laws, Universal's Code of Conduct Universal's Environmental Policy and other compliance policies, and this Water Stewardship Policy. This policy will be regularly reviewed by Universal Corporation's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and amended as needed.