



Pledge For Our Planet

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Introduction

The National Bed Federation (NBF) has launched an industry-wide 'Pledge for Our Planet', asking companies in the bed industry to take steps in unison that will address global environmental damage. There is now overwhelming scientific evidence that our planet is warming at an unsustainable rate and the quality and quantity of natural habitats is in decline.

The Pledge signifies a collective effort to commit to a journey of continuous environmental improvement at both a company and product-level. It has also been designed to future-proof the industry for upcoming legislation and market changes. It is hoped that the Pledge will receive signatories from all types of players in the market, regardless of their size or the current progress made on their sustainability journey. If required, the Pledge will be reviewed by the NBF in reaction to any legislation or market changes, as well as the reported progress made by the signatories.

Our Pledge says what our company is doing, in cooperation with others in the bed industry, to begin to reverse these environmental trends.

-  We pledge that we will meet all core requirements **within two years** of signing up.
-  We pledge that we will meet all advanced requirements **within five years** of signing up.
-  In addition, we will meet the progressive requirements for carbon reduction **within the 2030 and 2050 milestones** outlined.





We Will:

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Demonstrate our commitment to becoming a more sustainable business by:

CORE REQUIREMENT

- Establishing a business mission statement which shows our support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals 12 (ensure sustainable consumption and production pattern) and 13 (take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts).

ADVANCED REQUIREMENT

- Measuring, recording and communicating our progress by publishing an annual environmental report.



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Reduce our global warming impact by:

CORE REQUIREMENT



Measuring the carbon emissions from our internal operations for which we are directly responsible and setting targets for year-on-year reduction (Scope 1 and 2).

ADVANCED REQUIREMENTS



Transparently disclosing our progress towards achieving carbon targets on a yearly basis.

Measuring and reducing our indirect carbon emissions that occur in our value chain (Scope 3).

PROGRESSIVE REQUIREMENTS



Halving our Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions before 2030, and aim to cut Scope 3 emissions in half this decade - in line with the UK SME Climate Hub's commitment and the Net Zero standard by the Science Based Targets initiative.

Reaching net zero by 2050 (i.e. reducing at least 90% of our greenhouse gas emissions from both our internal and external operations) in line with the UK SME Climate Hub's commitment and the Net Zero standard by the Science Based Targets initiative (Scope 1, 2 and 3).





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Reduce our waste by:

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Developing record-keeping systems to measure the number, type and reasoning of any products returned to the business.
- Developing record-keeping systems to measure the segregation and treatment of our production wastes.
- Providing up-to-date guidance to customers on how to care for their products to prolong their lifespan and dispose of them responsibly at the end of their life.

ADVANCED REQUIREMENTS

- Recommending and encouraging the use of recyclers listed on the Register of Approved Mattress Recyclers (www.ramr.org.uk).
- Setting targets and demonstrating yearly reductions of our product returns.
- Setting targets and demonstrating yearly reductions of our production wastes.
- Setting targets and demonstrating yearly improvements in the weight of waste reused, repurposed or recycled either in-house or by a third party organisation.

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Reduce our products' impact on the environment by:

Assessing our mattresses according to the NBF's industry leading ecodesign principles and extending the learnings to other product ranges:

MANUFACTURERS

CORE REQUIREMENT



Self-assessment of 50% of mattresses using the NBF ecodesign assessment tool.

ADVANCED REQUIREMENTS



Self-assessment of 100% of mattresses using the NBF ecodesign assessment tool.

Third party verification of any external ecodesign claims by a NBF-appointed auditor (as part of its ecodesign scheme).



SUPPLIERS

CORE REQUIREMENTS



Improving the transparency of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) used in materials, with the goal of reducing (and eliminating) their use.

Engaging in environmental audits or responding to data requests on our carbon footprint, targets and progress if requested by manufacturers (Scope 1, 2 and 3).

ADVANCED REQUIREMENTS



Adopting material certifications where available and appropriate.

Developing more sustainable material options through innovation.



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Take responsibility for our actions by:

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Developing open channels of communication with our customers, suppliers, staff, local community and investors to continuously improve our environmental credentials.

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Creating a log of stakeholder feedback and actions taken in response.

ADVANCED REQUIREMENT

- Welcoming external auditing to support transparency of our environmental claims.



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