

# Environmental Compliance Initiatives of the Company



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# 1. What is Environmental Compliance?

- a. Compliance- "conformity in fulfilling official requirements" (Webster's dictionary)
- b. Environmental compliance- "a **situation** in which a **company** or **organization** is obeying all the **laws relating** to the **environment**" (Cambridge dictionary)
- c. Running a company completely legal





- Environmental compliance has become a bigger and bigger concern in recent years, and will only get bigger as environmental concerns grow.
- Environmental laws try to keep damage and pollution to an absolute minimum.
- Businesses have to conform to **environmental laws**, regulations, standards and other requirements such as site permits to be allowed to operate.

## 2. Organizations

Environmental compliance varies from place to place ⇒ rules and regulations mandated might be enforced by city, county, state, or federal environmental agencies.

- Global Policy-Making Organisations (e.g. UN with UNEP-Environment Programme; ECE with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO))
- Treaty-Management Organisations (management of specific global, regional or subregional resources)
- Ad-Hoc Conferences, Committees and Subsidiary Bodies (e.g. General Assembly Resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992- combat desertification)

# Permits, laws, regulations

Environmental laws, standards, and certifications regulate the environmental impacts associated with industrial activity.

- **Pollution Control laws**
- **Natural Resources laws**  
(Waste disposal; Air emissions; Water pollution; Chemical and biocide registration; Oil and gas storage)
- E.g.
  - Law 2008-46 Forestry Code (RO)
  - Act No. 238/1991 - on the Collection of Waste (SK)
  - Ley 2003 - 37 del Ruido (on noise) (ES)
  - Law 1964-12 on Water Pollution by Oil (TR)

# 3. The Importance of Environmental Compliance

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- It's not just about following rules, it's more than just helping nature
- Being compliant is extremely important for our planet and it will give a very positive image to the company
- Essential to protecting profits and limiting the company's exposure to litigation and penalties
- Getting more clients



# Being Environmentally Compliant

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Environmental compliance includes;

- Meeting requirements to obtain by conforming with disposal regulations
- Managing monitoring programmes or schedules
- Ensuring that the monitoring required in the permit has been done
- Processing, performing calculations and validating the data for compliance with any alert or reporting levels
- Generating routine compliance reports for authorities
- Providing training to employees



# Being Environmentally Compliant

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1. First step is to figure out which rules and regulations apply to you
2. Companies should;
  - have formal environmental policies
  - keeping permits from the state environmental authorities
  - make sure they follow the rules

The biggest reason of “to be environmentally compliant” is you have **no choice**

# Who is Responsible?

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- Many companies hire third party consultants to monitor to compliance for health and safety
- Environment department in the company - in such a case of manufacturing industries which are proceeding raw materials



# 4. Obstacles in Environmental Compliance

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- Miscommunication between departments with respect to environmental requirements
- Not properly maintaining equipment
- Loss of institutional knowledge
- Lack of transparency and public confidence
- Being unaware of changes to a specific rule
- Using modern technologies in limited

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**CRH**

**CRH is a leading global diversified building materials group**

CRH is the most important producer of cement and special binders in **Slovakia**



“We strive to establish standards of customer satisfaction and sustainable development in the Slovak construction industry. Our company is responsible for the management of its activities to ensure sustainable and socially responsible businesses”

## Environmental Policy

Comply with all applicable environmental legislation

Ensure that employees and contractors respect their environmental responsibilities

Optimise its use of energy and all resources

Promote environmentally-driven product and process innovation and new business opportunities

## Environmental Management

Company and plant managers in CRH are responsible for implementing the Environmental Policy and achieving its objectives

Its environmental management systems are well established and are regularly reviewed taking into account industry best practice

## Environmental Performance

CRH is committed to investing in a wide range of environmental improvements across all of its activities

Plant upgrades typically include process yield optimisation, increased recycling, waste reduction, energy efficiency and emission reduction

## Climate Change

CRH is very actively addressing the challenges of climate change through specific CO2 reduction programmes in its operations

CRH is a core member of the CSI of the WBCSD, and actively supports its pioneering work in developing and promoting industry solutions

CRH has endorsed the WBCSD and LCTPi, which seeks a reduction in global cement CO2 emissions in the range of 20–25% by 2030

# Mahou

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**Mahou is a brand of beer made by the Spanish brewer Mahou-San Miguel Group**



“We develop our activity by being respectful with our environment and ensuring a responsible and efficient management of natural resources. Our goal is to become the company with the lowest environmental footprint in the Food and Beverage sector in 2020”



**European Business Awards for the Environment**



**Environmental awareness campaigns**

**Online course on environmental management for all professionals**

**Environmental volunteers**

**Signature of agreement with WWF for biodiversity projects**



**100% of the electricity from renewable sources**

**Sustainable Mobility Plan**

**Water Mandate of the UN Global Compact**

**Rate of recovery of waste to 99.5%**

**40% and 43% reduction in water and energy consumption respectively**

**Eco-design**

**Life Cycle Analysis program**



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