

Name of Company and homepage URL:

Intersurgical – www.intersurgical.com

General description of type of product(s):

Respiratory support devices for use in Anaesthesia, Airway Management, Critical Care and Oxygen and Aerosol Therapy

Brief description of the company's environmental profile, including:

2-3 sentence overview:

Intersurgical is committed to the protection of the environment by minimising the environmental impacts of the company's products, activities and services, including the prevention of environmental pollution and sustainable resource use.

Intersurgical recognises that an Environmental Management System (EMS) improves business efficiency and brings benefits across the whole company. For this reason our EMS (certified to ISO 14001) was implemented in 2006 and during 2017 Intersurgical's EMS successfully transitioned to the ISO 14001:2015 standard.

Positive improvements across the business include:

- Reduction in environmental impact (e.g. 24% reduction of waste sent to landfill [2016 data compared to 2011 data]; 84 tonnes of plastic materials saved from going to landfill [2016 figures]).
- Greater environmental awareness among employees due to regular environmental training and assessment in areas, which could have been the biggest impact on the environment (e.g. training on how to deal with spills and correct disposal of hazardous wastes).
- Compliance with current and future environmental legislation and regulations.

Historical data on carbon footprint (actual amount) and other issues e.g. plasticisers, etc:

Intersurgical is continuously developing and expanding our range of Eco products that have a lower environmental impact. This is achieved by using alternative materials to PVC (Polypropylene, Silicone, TPE) and non DEHP PVC. These include oxygen and aerosol therapy masks, anaesthetic face masks, oxygen tube, phthalate free neonatal nasal cannulae and non PVC smoothbore breathing systems.

Strategy for reductions in the above:

Strategies we are following are the use of alternative materials to PVC wherever possible. For products where PVC is preferred, the use of non phthalate plasticisers, such as DOTP (also known as DEHT), which is biologically non active and have zero potential for reproductive effects, unlike DEHP.

Other strategic aims and achievements relating to the environment:

We have a continuous programme of modernisation of our manufacturing processes to reduce energy consumption and minimize the generation of hazardous waste. We have achieved a reduction of 61.7% of our KWh energy within our warehouse

building due to installation of energy efficient lighting. We have also achieved an increased re-use of office and factory materials and products, increase in recycling and the use of incineration with energy recovery rather than landfill of our waste materials since 2012.

URL Link to company website where specific environmental info is available (not the company's homepage):

www.intersurgical.com/support

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