

Leadership & Sustainability

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	Questions	Responses
1	What are the key things to mention into environmental policy?	Please consider to consult ISO 14001.
2	Can you please explain about biomass certification?	Please consult How to Higg.
3	Do we have to conduct ground water/soil contamination in a scheduled manner or do we need to conduct only after a contamination?	This will be outlined in the How to Higg for Higg FEM 4.0.
4	We have quite a number of suppliers. However, we employ two people in supply chain management. It is quite difficult for all our suppliers to approve the code of conduct, conduct risk analysis and audit them. What would you recommend to manage this process?	It is hard to recommend anything specific for this situation. Depending on the requirements you have from brands / retailers, you will need to find a solution. Or if you are a brand / retailer, and if you would roll out Higg FEM, then this approach might help you as you do not need to do the auditing yourself. The risk assessment can also be done based on the FEM verification results.
5	Can you please explain which part (departments) has need to be covered domestic electricity consumption in case of garment industry?	Please consult How to Higg once it is published.
6	During calculation of KPI, the shipment product data should be considered how much is produced from the individual process unit instead of considering shipment data to get the real resource consumption against practical production.	This is a valid comment. However, SAC has decided to use shipped volume.
7	In what unit should we give the annual shipped quantity volume if we are into garment manufacturing industry?	In units / pieces, e.g. 1 Mio pair of shoes, 5 Mio t-shirts.
8	If someone have vertical setup, so we have to report separately for each unit?	Yes. You will then report the different facility types you have and FEM will automatically ask you to report separately for water and energy. But you will do so in the same FEM module.
9	For integrated factory those have a lot of process like dyeing, trims, printing in the same premises it is tough to assess KPI in normalized or per Kg or pcs. I think it would be better if KPI option would be individual for individual process?	Yes, this is a valid point.
10	If we are using electricity from national grid & also in house electricity production from solar but net metering is used with national grid against units produced from solar. How can we claim RECs?	Dear colleague. This question is more complex, we cannot respond to this question without more background information.
11	Could you please share an air emissions template?	https://howtohigg.org/fem-user-selection/fem-facility-users-landing/complete-the-fem/air-emissions-2022/ Please scroll down to Question 1. Please be aware that this is guidance for Higg FEM 2022. The How to higg for FEM 2023 will be updated with Higg FEM 4.0 and there may be a new template.