



Team Sustainability Initiative: Launch Brief

Purpose

To strengthen our commitment to environmental stewardship by embedding sustainable practices across every aspect of our work. This initiative aims to reduce our ecological footprint, inspire innovation, and foster a culture of accountability.

Goals

- **Minimize waste** in daily operations and events
- **Improve energy efficiency** across teams and facilities
- **Promote responsible sourcing** and sustainable materials
- **Encourage active team involvement** and idea sharing
- **Monitor progress** and celebrate achievements

Key Actions by Team Members

Action	Description	Responsibility
Reassess resource usage	Audit personal and team habits around energy and materials	Everyone
Switch to digital-first workflows	Reduce printing and paper use	Admin & Project Leads
Opt for sustainable suppliers	Choose vendors aligned with green standards	Procurement
Identify small wins	Suggest day-to-day sustainability improvements	All staff

Kick-Off Activities

- **Sustainability Suggestion Box** (digital or physical): Ideas welcome!



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Sustainability in customs clearance focuses on minimizing the environmental impact of international trade by improving efficiency, reducing emissions, and combating illegal trade in environmentally sensitive goods. This involves streamlining processes, utilizing technology, and promoting responsible trade practices.

Customs procedures, while necessary for trade, can contribute to greenhouse gas emissions through paperwork, inspections, and border crossings. Optimizing these processes, adopting digital solutions, and promoting paperless trade can significantly reduce the carbon footprint.

In essence, sustainability in customs clearance is about finding a balance between facilitating legitimate trade and protecting the environment, ensuring that international trade contributes to a more sustainable and equitable future.

Key aspects of sustainability in customs clearance:

- **Advisory Role:**

Customs agents play a vital role in advising importers and exporters on the environmental regulations and requirements applicable to their specific goods and trade routes. It is your duty in IS&T to encourage such practices.

- **Green Transportation:**

It is our aim at IS&T to encourage the use of eco-friendly transportation options for the movement of goods, such as electric vehicles or rail transport, can also contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of customs clearance.

- **Compliance with Environmental Regulations:**

Customs authorities play a crucial role in enforcing international environmental agreements and national regulations related to the import and export of goods. This



includes monitoring the movement of hazardous materials, endangered species, and other items that could pose environmental risks.

- **Waste Reduction and Recycling – Internal to IS&T:**

Customs agents support waste reduction and recycling initiatives within their own operations, such as reducing paper usage, promoting recycling programs, and minimizing waste generation.

- **Reducing the environmental footprint:**

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- **Economic Benefits:**

Streamlined customs procedures and efficient logistics can reduce costs and improve trade competitiveness.

- **Social Responsibility:**

Demonstrating a commitment to sustainability can enhance a company's reputation and build trust with consumers and stakeholders.

- **Enforcing environmental regulations:**

Customs authorities are responsible for ensuring that goods traded internationally comply with environmental regulations, promoting sustainable sourcing, and preventing deforestation.

- **Best Practice**

As a customs clearance agent it is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the [World Customs Organization \(WCO\)](#) encourages customs administrations to share best practices and collaborate on environmental initiatives.



Staff Acknowledgment & Commitment

As part of our commitment to positive environmental change, each team member is expected to actively participate in this initiative. Please confirm your understanding and intent to support the program by signing below:

I confirm that I have read and understood the Sustainability Initiative guidelines. I agree to implement the outlined practices and contribute to our environmental goals.

Name: _____ **Department:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____