

## Group Water Policy

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As a leading food manufacturer, Cranswick fully understand the importance that water has within the food chain and with improving and maintaining human and animal life and health. Over 2 billion people live in countries experiencing high water stress<sup>1</sup> and it is estimated that by 2040, one in four of the world’s children under 18 will be living in areas of extremely high water stress<sup>2</sup>.

The UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 aims to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. To play our part in delivering this, we need to manage our water use efficiently and ensure that the water courses and aquifers present around our sites are not polluted through our actions, moving from traditional water management to more innovative water stewardship. We will also need to collaborate with our suppliers to ensure this approach flows throughout our supply chains.

In order to meet our commitment to protecting this precious resource, the company will pursue the following objectives within its defined scope of the Integrated Quality Management System (QMS):

- Sign up to the Courtauld 2025 agreement to reduce the impact of UK food production by 20% for water by 2025 (against the 2015 Baseline).
- To reduce water intensity by 20% by 2025 at our manufacturing sites (against the 2019/20 Baseline).
- To complete a water assessment for each site to establish if any site is in a water stressed area and for this to be reviewed every 3 years.
- To voluntarily disclose increased levels of water data, risks and impacts via the CDP water questionnaire from 2021 and target grade A by 2030.
- Where water is extracted from an aquifer, to only extract the amount permitted by the licence and to report extraction levels as required.
- Where required by the extraction licence, monitoring of the levels of the aquifers used by the sites will be implemented to ensure that the levels are not reduced below allowed limits.
- To ensure that all effluent is within the consent to discharge levels agreed with the appropriate water authority and for regular monitoring to be implemented to ensure that limits are not being breached. Should limits be exceeded, the appropriate investigations and actions are to be taken.
- To use the appropriate equipment on site which will reduce water usage, e.g. reduce flow cleaning nozzles and to review new technology where appropriate for additional methods of reducing water usage on site.
- To use knee operated or PIR sensor (or other suitable technology) handwash sinks throughout the manufacturing sites which only allow water to be discharged when required.
- Where storm water is discharged directly to a water course, to have systems in place to prevent these drains from becoming contaminated and adversely affecting the local aquatic life.
- To measure and monitor water usage within our farms so that water can be conserved and used wisely, whilst maintaining the 5 freedoms of animal welfare.

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- To manage our farmlands so that contaminants from manure do not enter the water system through the soils into the aquifers or local water courses.
- To maintain the water systems on site so that they do not leak and where leaks are reported, to repair these within a suitable timescale to reduce water wastage.
- To communicate to our supply chain our expectations for good water stewardship. By the end of 2021 we will survey all our direct suppliers to establish whether they have water reduction targets and where these are not in place, to encourage them to do so.

Water usage is reported as part of the environmental progress which is reported quarterly at board level against KPI's which are reviewed annually and monitored through internal and 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification audits. The necessary personnel, information and financial resources will be allocated to assist the company in meeting its water objectives and business plans. This will ensure that these remain current and effective to reduce our impact on water through a process of continual improvement programmes against the KPI's detailed within this policy.

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1: UN SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018 on Water and Sanitation ([https://www.unwater.org/publication\\_categories/sdg-6-synthesis-report-2018-on-water-and-sanitation/](https://www.unwater.org/publication_categories/sdg-6-synthesis-report-2018-on-water-and-sanitation/))

2: Thirsting for a Future: Water and Children in changing climate, UNICEF, March 2017) ([https://www.unicef.org/publications/index\\_95074.html](https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_95074.html))

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