

Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme



Why FISP?

The ability to prove a company's sustainability credentials is becoming more and more important when securing sales and meeting tender requirements.

FISP membership demonstrates that a company is taking its environmental and corporate social responsibility obligations seriously. FISP is backed by the entire furniture industry and is the mark of sustainable excellence.

What is FISP?

Launched in 2006 to support and improve the furniture industry's sustainability credentials, FISP has rapidly become established as the industry forum on all environmental and sustainable issues.

Large tenders and retail specifications increasingly ask a supplier to prove that they have sustainability at the heart of their operations. FISP is the easiest way of demonstrating this. FISP can be used as a valuable marketing tool to differentiate a FISP member and his products from a competitor.

Focusing on not just environmental issues, but also purchasing, end of product life, social and community issues, FISP membership can also offer cost savings and production efficiencies, improving a member's competitiveness.

BENEFITS

- Clearly demonstrates your sustainable credentials
- Customer confidence through independent endorsement
- Differentiates a company and its products from competitors
- Meets tender requirements and retail specifications
- Cost savings and improved efficiency

FEATURES

- The Industry approved scheme
- Recognised by manufacturers, retailers, specifiers and suppliers
- Annual benchmark report for members
- Furniture specific scheme
- Range of membership options to suit all companies



MEMBERSHIP

Two levels of membership are available depending on how advanced a company's sustainability programme is at the time of membership.

All members receive a sector specific manual providing comprehensive advice, examples and checklists on all relevant sustainability issues.

Associate Membership

Companies who feel they cannot achieve Full Membership immediately and require time to implement systems to improve their sustainability. FIRA provide the sustainability work book and an advice line, FIRA can also assess their checklist and provide feedback on it. FIRA in addition can offer consultancy to help them achieve full membership.

Full Membership

All full members are subjected to a comprehensive audit and are expected to complete an annual survey. The results of the survey are published as an annual report which offers members invaluable information and benchmarking opportunities.

Companies who become full members of the programme comply with set criteria as detailed below, and must fulfil two core commitments:

- **The documentation and implementation of an environmental policy statement.**
- **Legal compliance with environmental and health and safety legislation.**

All companies must show evidence of compliance. The remainder of the criteria offers a choice of commitments, with at least five of the nine environmental options being in place and a minimum of three of the six social and economic:

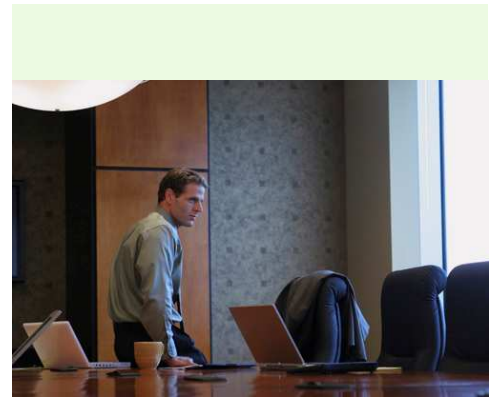
Environmental:

- Environmental Management Systems
- Waste Management
- Energy Management
- Packaging
- Transport
- Procurement Policies
- Sustainable Timber Purchasing
- Emissions
- End of Life

Social and economic:

- Nuisance Issues
- Community Relations and charity work
- Education and Training
- Employment
- Ethical issues
- Competitiveness

For further details about the scheme please contact Customer Services on 01438 777700 or email info@fira.co.uk



"FISP membership opened our eyes to the extra responsibilities Sustainability certification gave Senator, over those covered by the ISO 14001 Environmental Standard. It provided the catalyst for us to completely re-examine and re-think those activities which affect Sustainability in its many wider forms."

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