



## MANIFATTURA SESIA SRL ADOPTS 4SUSTAINABILITY® CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL FOR ZDHC MRSL IMPLEMENTATION

Dear Customer,

our company aims at standing out for growth and sustainability. We firmly believe that there shouldn't be any long-term economic development without a social and environmental one.

By adhering to *4sustainability*® roadmap, *Process Factory* trademark for sustainable fashion, issued after the implementation of one or more specific sustainability project, we take clear social and environmental responsibility committing to:

- give priority to values such as ethics, legality, transparency, anti-corruption, respect of the environment, people and human rights implicit in the trademark;
- engage our value chain in implementing current and future sustainability initiatives;
- communicate and report these initiatives in a correct, transparent and complete way;
- promote awareness and education on sustainability towards our workers and, as far as possible, our suppliers and the communities where we operate.

Specifically, we decided to face the topic of toxic and hazardous chemicals and related risks in a structured way. We have been working on integrating activities and monitoring systems in our manufacturing processes with the aim of gradually eliminating the presence of these chemicals to protect human health and the environment.

Managing this risk through a systemic approach means to contribute to achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals 2030** adopted by the United Nations (SDGs). Three are those we are mostly working on, guaranteeing a better wastewater quality related to our manufacturing processes and leveraging and strategic partnerships.



With these goals in mind, we have decided to adopt **4sustainability Chemical Management Protocol**®, which systematically implements ZDHC MRSL (*Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals*) and periodically measures the level of application in a transparent way.

This project implemented includes:

- ✓ Appointing an internal Chemical Manager and a system management team;



- ✓ Mapping and qualification of our supply chain, with the identification of chemical risk categories;
- ✓ Applying 4sustainability® PRSL (Product Restricted Substances List) for the qualification of raw material suppliers;
- ✓ Implementing ZDHC MRSL (Manufacturing Restricted Substances List), for internal chemical risk processes and outsourced ones;
- ✓ Collecting Chemical Management KPIs from all suppliers, with a focus on high risk outsourced processes;
- ✓ Establishing an internal Chemical Management procedure, to guarantee, among other things, roles and responsibilities, purchases compliant with internal standards and process monitoring;
- ✓ Engaging our suppliers on common objectives through training activities, remote self-assessment and on-site audits;
- ✓ ZDHC accredited training for the Chemical Manager (or Chemical Management Team) and continuous training and updating of our internal staff;
- ✓ Collecting information from our management systems to ensure traceability;
- ✓ Implementing a statistical testing and control plan based on risk assessment;
- ✓ Using 4s Platform (IT tools) for data management and the continuous evaluation of the performance;
- ✓ Reporting for the identification of the phase-out and improvement plan;
- ✓ Annual audit verifying the implementation of the requirements with the issuance of 4S® Protocol implementation level (Ongoing, Basic, Advanced, Excellence) and of **a report with Chemical Management KPIs to be shared with clients and stakeholders** in a pdf and digital (e-report) version.

Credible paths of sustainable development are built through partnership and constant innovation. For this reason, we are available and interested in sharing our path publishing our reference documents, discussing any proposals and verifying the feasible requirements together, with a view to embarking on a path of transparent, shared and concrete improvement.

Best regards.