



## Environmental Directive

Our goal at HVL GmbH is to minimise and, whenever possible, avoid climate-damaging emissions caused by our business activities. We endeavour to make a positive contribution to a more sustainable and greener future. As an organisation, we take measures in various areas that contribute to this goal:

1. **Permanent reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through investments**, e.g. in e-charging infrastructure, installation of a PV system at our HQ in Badenweiler, completely paperless workflows and more.
2. **Annual analysis of our corporate carbon footprint**, expressed in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, externally certified by our partner [Argum](#).
3. **Neutralisation of our corporate carbon footprint** through regional humus formation (more on this at <https://www.hvl-online.com/nachhaltigkeit>) with our partner [Carbocert](#).
4. **Sustainable sourcing** in our procurement by choosing suppliers according to environmental and ethical efforts amongst other criteria. Sustainable and environmentally friendly products and services are favoured in sourcing.
5. **Reduction of transport emissions** by using intermodal rail and sea freight instead of pure road transport whenever possible and maximizing the load weights
6. **Reduction of packaging**, e.g. by fully utilising the max volumes for IBC and drum filling and usage of reconditioned containers only.
7. **Conservation of resources** in office equipment, such as the use of recycled paper or reconditioned kitchen appliances.
8. **Reuse or recycling** of raw materials and products instead of disposal.
9. **Safe handling of chemicals** and compliance with applicable safety standards, proper labelling and packaging.
10. **Avoidance of SVHCs (Substance of Very High Concern)** by providing harmless alternatives together with transparent advice for our customers.
11. **Creating transparency** about emissions within our supply chain and improving communication with our stakeholders.
12. **Internal training and sensitisation** of our employees on environmental matters, e.g. saving water and electricity within our company.
13. **Continuous improvement** to reduce our emissions and resources.

You can obtain further information on the subject of the environment directly from your contact at HVL.