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## **PVC-Free Policy**

Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) is a synthetic plastic polymer, which is widely used in the packaging and cables of consumer electronics. PVC contaminates humans and the environment throughout its lifecycle: during its production, use, and disposal. As a responsible company, Logitech cares about those impacted by our supply chain, and the full life-cycle of our products. Where safer alternatives to PVC are available, our goal is to identify and switch to these safer alternative materials and eliminate this risk in our supply chain, for the environment and public health.

Since 2002, Logitech has maintained a formalized position on the prohibition and restriction of certain chemicals, materials and substances within our products and supply chain. This was achieved with the introduction of our General Specification for the Environment (GSE), our green procurement standards. From a foundation of legal requirements, our GSE has continually evolved each year to now reflect voluntary good practice including IEC 62474 and peer company practices.

The GSE was further expanded in 2008, to include a voluntary prohibition on PVC in packaging and hard plastics. This prohibition was introduced as a forward-looking prohibition affecting new product introductions manufactured after 2008. The full effect of this prohibition is now in effect, as our FY19 portfolio of packaging and hard plastics are now 100% PVC-free.

With that achievement in place, we have expanded the scope of our GSE from 2018, to transition external parts of new product introductions (e.g. cables, extenders, adaptors, chargers) to PVC-free status where possible. We will do that across our product portfolio where there is an alternative PVC-free option, which can deliver improved environmental performance and perform in a like-for-like manner, from a compliance, technical, user experience and cosmetic perspective. In our experience, exceptions may arise where there are specific legal requirements for PVC, specific performance requirements where a PVC-free solution is not available or viable.

As an outcome of this policy, in FY19, we have already eliminated more than 110 tonnes of PVC in more than 97 individual products (and 1,000s of SKUs). Our Astro, Jaybird and Ultimate Ears branded products are all PVC-free at this stage.

The intention of this policy is to publicly communicate our commitment to Zero PVC status of all parts in the long-term. The scope of this policy and the phasing of our actions will continue to evolve in the future to take into account technical, regulatory, user experience and economic innovations as they emerge. For any queries in relation to this policy, please contact the Sustainability team on email at <u>sustainability@logitech.com</u>.

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