

Environmental Policy



Celtic Foodservices LTD was established some 6 years ago to provide a Catering Distribution service to South West Wales from a base in the area providing employment to local residents. From the start we paid our way and made a positive contribution to the Pembrokeshire local Economy.

CFS (Celtic Foodservices) supplies ambient, chilled and frozen foods and non-foods. Substantially you would have to describe that as manufactured packaged groceries. The Production / manufacturing environment of those goods is national and international. Be it the most expensive (per kilo) items ie 1.25kg Cheddar Cheese or 3kg Gammon Ham or the heaviest items, ie bottled and flavoured waters from Princes Gate of Narberth, Radnor Hills Water or Brecon Water, our policy is to purchase wherever possible locally, with the guidance and support of our customer base. We work with our suppliers to ensure high standards and this is checked through our supplier questionnaire in the Quality Procedures Manual.

A roll call of South Wales based suppliers would feature; Evans Rees, Mid Glamorgan Provisions, Oakland Eggs and Bakeaway and this listing is hardly intended to be comprehensive.

We supply a range of Fair Trade, Rain Forest Alliance and Gluten Free products with our range ever expanding in all areas to suit our customer's requirements.

At present we are certified under the STS scheme and we are looking at developing an accredited Environmental Management System (EMS) to level 2 of BS8555 and we are working closely with the Business Wales resource and Efficiency Advisor to look at how we can reduce our impacts and improve our environmental performance further. As part of the BS8555 accreditation we will need to develop an improvement plan and this will cover improvements to our energy efficiency, waste reduction, fuel use and additional procedures to improve our distribution operations.

We have a fully segregated waste recycling operation and recycle card and plastic. The general waste is now a wheelie bin collected once per fortnight. Wastage is being reduced by assessing stocks and tying this in to our purchasing to meet customer demands. Products to be stocked will be assessed to reduce waste production in the future.

Energy use is a major cost to us and we are going to undertake an energy audit with the help of Business Wales. This will allow us to look at potential options such as heat recovery to pre heat water prior to use in our steam cleaners. We are currently in a rented unit but part of our plan is to buy our own property in the next few years and at this stage the installation of renewable technologies will be assessed.

Mileage reduction is of prime concern to us and we plan routes carefully to ensure that the vehicles are used as efficiently as possible. We are looking at fitting vehicle tracking systems to monitor driving habits and to help with vehicle route planning. Congestion is avoided by the drivers by listening to the traffic alerts on the radio.

CFS is currently evaluating the practicality of utilising the reprocessed UCO, ie Biodiesel, in our vehicles. This would complete a recycling loop where plants are grown for food, used as food ingredients, recycled by reprocessing and then burnt as a fuel to complete the carbon loop and reduce pollution.

The implementation of BS8555 will assist us in developing our investment strategy by assessing the environmental impacts of all our activities in more detail. This will allow us to invest in the most effective technologies and also allow us to understand our carbon footprint. The innovative approaches we envisage are the introduction of heat recovery, using biodiesel and the use of renewable technologies. This will be achieved by improved monitoring of resources and gaining a better understanding of where savings can be made.