

APCO Performance Summary

Company Name: **Bioflex Nutrition Pty Ltd**

Trading As: **Bulk Nutrients**

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About the APCO Annual Report & Performance

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the **2023** APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2022 - December, 2022** you have achieved a **Beyond Best Practice** overall performance level.

1 Getting Started 2 Good Progress 3 Advanced 4 Leading 5 Beyond Best Practice

Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

- Criteria 1: Governance & Strategy** This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.
- Criteria 2: Design & Procurement** This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).
- Criteria 3: Recycled Content** This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.

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Criteria 4:

Recoverability

This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.

Criteria 5:

Disposal Labelling

This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.

Criteria 6:

On-site Waste

This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.

Criteria 7:

Problematic Materials

This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report.

Criteria 1

Governance & Strategy

Does your organisation have a strategy that includes goals for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Evidence

<https://www.bulknutrients.com.au/bulk-nutrients-packaging-sustainability-strategy>

Criteria 2

Design & Procurement

Do you use the SPGs to review your packaging?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you keeping records of the outcomes of your reviews using the SPGs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide an example of a positive outcome you have achieved.

We have 3 packaging suppliers actively investigating and supplying samples to meet the previously published material thresholds.
Despite what has happened with Redcycle we are attempting to employ more recyclable packaging for the future.

How many reviews did you conduct during the reporting period?

1

Supporting Evidence

We are in the process of trialing updated packaging materials, on track for all to meet the SPGs by 2025.

Criteria 3

Recycled Content

Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does any of your packaging contain recycled materials?

Primary

☒ Yes ☐ No

Secondary

☒ Yes ☐ No

Tertiary

☒ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Evidence

Capsule bottles include 50% recycled materials.
Cardboard cartons are 55-100% recycled, and all FSP approved supply.

Criteria 4

Recoverability

Have you investigated the recoverability of your packaging to look for opportunities for greater reuse or recycling?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Evidence

The failure (or hopefully temporary closure) of the Redcycle program has drastically reduced the recycling option for soft plastic packaging.
As we have long shelf life food products (2 years+), where we must ensure food safety, we cannot transition any of our primary packaging to compostable options.

Criteria 5

Disposal Labelling

Do you provide disposal information for your packaging on-pack?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Evidence

Can be viewed on all bags

Criteria 6

On-site Waste

Do you have a system to collect and recycle used packaging generated at your facilities (e.g. office, warehouse etc.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Evidence

All rubbish is sorted into four streams:
Waste
Cardboard and Paper

Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.

Criteria 7

Problematic Materials

Which of the following activities do you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- ☒ Conduct regular clean-ups on-site
- ☐ Participate in Business Clean-Up Day
- ☐ Redesign packaging to eliminate components that may have the propensity to become litter
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please specify

- ☐ None of the above

Supporting Evidence

We are very careful to ensure no waste is blown from or leaves our site other than when collected in closed skip bins.

Additional Information

- ☐ No additional information

Please tell us about any innovative packaging sustainability initiatives you have implemented during your chosen 12 month reporting period.

We have transitioned to primary packaging for capsules that uses 50% recycled inputs.

Please tell us of any constraints you may have had during your chosen 12 month reporting period that has impacted on your packaging sustainability initiatives and Covenant obligations.

The closure of Redcycle has contributed to the challenges faced by Australia's plastic recycling system. Redcycle was a significant contributor to the recycling of soft plastics, which is the vast majority of our primary packaging, and its closure has left a gap in the recycling chain. The lack of other materials we can use or any options for alternate recycling of soft plastics means our packaging is now added back into the waste stream until a solution for soft plastic recycling in Australia is found.

Full Open Responses

Criteria 6 - Supporting Evidence

All rubbish is sorted into four streams:

Waste

Cardboard and Paper

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Soft Plastics (currently cannot be processed)