



Thammasat University Notification  
of  
Policy on Sustainable Public Procurement of Goods and Services

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To serve as a guide towards becoming a sustainable university according to the SDG principles of the United Nations; to encourage adaptation to sustainable production and consumption behaviors of products and services; and to serve as an important mechanism in driving towards sustainable production and consumption:

Thammasat University hereby issues its policy on the Sustainable Public Procurement of Goods and Services as follows:

(1) According to this notification:

“Sustainable product” refers to a product that has less environmental impact from the steps of raw material sourcing, production, transportation, use, and end-of-life management when compared to other products that serve similar functions.

“Sustainable service” refers to a service that has less environmental impact from the steps of raw material sourcing, resource and energy utilization during the service, and manages waste produced by the the service when compared to other services with similar characteristics.

“Sustainable public procurement” refers to a purchase of sustainable products or hiring of sustainable services according to the list of products and services that have been certified as environmentally friendly from the Pollution Control Department or products that have received environmental labels.

“Environmental label” refers to a label that indicates sustainability which is given to a product or service that meets the requirements.

(2) Features of sustainable products and services include:

(2.1) Using materials with less environmental impact, such as non-toxic material, renewable materials, recycled materials, and materials that require low energy consumption during sourcing;

(2.2) Using less material, such as being lightweight, being small in size, comprising a small number of material types, or having reinforcement leading to size reduction;

(2.3) Utilizing optimally efficient production technology, such as efficient use of resource and energy during production, use of clean energy, reduction of waste from the production process, and reduction of production steps;

(2.4) Having optimally efficient transportation and distribution systems, such as reduction in the use of excessive packaging, use of packaging made of reusable or recyclable materials, use of a mode of transportation with low environmental impact, and choice of transport route that is the most energy-efficient;

(2.5) Reducing the environmental impact during use, such as low energy consumption, low emission during use, reduction in the use of disposable materials, and reduction in the use of unnecessary parts;

(2.6) Being worthwhile throughout its lifetime, such as being durable, easy to repair and maintain, upgradeable, and not requiring frequent change;

(2.7) Having an optimally efficient management system after end of lifetime, such as waste collection or disposal after use, having a design that allows whole or parts of the product to be easily reused or refurbished, or, in the case that disposal is required, energy from waste being harnessed and the waste being safe for landfill.

(3) Qualifications of partner companies, suppliers or service providers include:

(3.1) Certified by Thai Industrial Standards, ISO 9000 Series, or ISO 14000 Series;

(3.2) Conducts business under a code of ethics and good supervision, coupled with attentive care for society and the environment to contribute to sustainable development (Corporate Social Responsibility: CSR), or has received social responsibility standard ISO 26000;

(3.3) Has effective policies on safety, occupational health and environment management.

(4) Public procurement of goods and services should take into account the purchase of goods and the hiring of services that have environmental labels, such as green labels, carbon labels, green basket, etc. and that have features of sustainable products and services according to article (2); and that have qualifications of partner companies, suppliers or service providers according to article (3).

The goods and services shall also meet the sustainable product and service criteria of the Pollution Control Department.

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