Group Water Policy

1. Introduction

1.1. We acknowledge that water is a vital natural resource which is becoming scarcer as a result of an increasing population, changing climate and growing demand. We recognise the interconnectedness of climate change, water, nature and biodiversity.

1.2. We are committed to effective water stewardship throughout our owned operations and supply chain to ensure water is available to meet the human right to water, maintain the functionality of ecosystems, and maximise the efficient use of water for agricultural and industrial purposes.

2. Governance

2.1. The Board retains ultimate oversight of water-related risks and performance. This is delegated to the ESG Committee, which drives our Second Nature strategy. This strategy includes addressing water-related risks, opportunities and performance.

2.2. Site level Senior Management Teams are accountable for monitoring and delivering water-related targets and performance, which are reviewed monthly at site level and reported quarterly at Board level.

2.3. Essential resources, information and training will be allocated to meet water objectives, ensuring ongoing effectiveness of the integrated management system and driving continuous improvement of water performance.

2.4. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Head of Sustainability.

3. Commitments and Objectives

3.1. To meet or exceed compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and standards, which includes water abstraction and effluent discharge.

3.2. To accurately measure and track water-related metrics where relevant, including water withdrawn, discharged, captured and recycled.

3.3. To set annual water-related targets (e.g. intensity reductions), defined by sites, and make progress against them via continuous improvements and investment in efficiency measures and technologies.

3.4. To conduct annual, water risk assessments using recognised tools (WRI Aqueduct, WWF Water Risk Filter), to identify and monitor water-related risks (e.g. water stressed locations).

3.5. To consider identified water-related risks within the Group Risk Management Framework to ensure that appropriate controls are in place. These are reviewed through the Risk Committee on a quarterly basis.

3.6. To publicly disclose water-related risks, KPI performance and progress annually within our TCFD report, as well as other relevant public disclosures (e.g. CDP Water).

3.7. To maintain and continually improve a comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) aligned with the principles of ISO 14001:2015, which incorporates water and effluent management.

3.8. To support the human right to water and sanitation, by ensuring all our sites provide access to clean water and sanitation to our employees and ensuring our operations do not compromise local communities' human right to water and sanitation.

3.9. To measure and monitor water usage within our farms, so that water can be used effectively, without compromising the 'Five Domains Model' of animal welfare.

3.10. To implement effective manure management practices, so that contaminants do not enter water systems.

3.11. To communicate to our supply chain our expectations for good water stewardship, including setting water reduction targets and to support them where practicable.

3.12. To raise awareness around water-related issues, including collaborating and consulting with stakeholders where necessary.

3.13. To remain signatories of the UK Food and Drink Pact and the WRAP Water Roadmap.

3.14. To continue our representation on the WRAP Water Roadmap oversight committee, to drive water stewardship within the industry.

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