

Environmental management

Swiss Post's environmental targets

Swiss Post sets targets for the major environmental aspects of its operations in line with its environmental policy.

These targets are defined for 2010 relative to the situation in 2000 (reference year). Environmental targets are in accordance with Swiss government policy in this area: government requirements regarding Energie Schweiz (Swiss Energy) targets are also binding on Swiss Post. With regard to CO₂, the target is to reduce emissions by 10% compared with reference year 1990: Swiss Post has already achieved this. By entering into the Union of European Postal Companies (PostEurop) Climate Protection Programme, Swiss Post has committed itself to lowering its CO₂ emissions by 10% again in the next five years. In so doing, Swiss Post is setting itself a target over and above that proposed by the Swiss federal government. In setting and assessing its targets, Swiss Post takes into account the legal requirements as well as the objectives and focus of the government's environmental policy. It also considers the ecological footprint of the various environmental aspects, which it determines with the help of eco-audits. Finally, this process of setting targets takes account of the technical options available, Swiss Post's financial position and operating environment and the views of stakeholders.

The following targets were set in 2000 for 2010:

Environmental aspect	Target for 2010
Non-renewable heat	Reduce consumption by 10% relative to 2000.
Fuel	Reduce consumption by 8% relative to 2000.
Paper	Stabilize consumption at 2000 level.
Renewable electricity	Renewable electricity to account for 1% of the electricity consumed in 2000.
Renewable heat	Heat from renewable energy sources to account for 3% of the heat consumed in 2000.
Water	Stabilize consumption at 2000 level.

Swiss Post sees its consistent business management as an opportunity. In so doing, it wants to take care of its resources, reduce costs and develop its business with energy and CO₂-efficient services.

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