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APG achieves ISO14001
the international environmental standard



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For over 100 years we have worked hard to look after our customers' commercial interests. Now we're going one step further, and protecting broader interests by protecting the environment.

As a leading innovator in the print industry we have always sought to pursue best practice in all areas. Accordingly we have embraced the concept of the environmentally friendly print company, by diligently reviewing our procedures and production in line with International Environmental Management policy.

We are delighted to announce that in June our efforts were rewarded when we officially received ISO 14001 Accreditation. We are one of just 35 printers in the UK to have been honoured in this way, and were especially pleased to receive the award at the first time of trying.

It means that we not only demonstrate exemplary standards in printing the finished product – but exemplary standards every step along the way, from selection and use of resources, to the minimisation and disposal of waste – to meet rigorous and internationally recognised standards.

Leading the way in environmental best practice

The ISO 14001 Accreditation requires us to carefully monitor the entire print process and beyond. Amongst the specific initiatives required are:

- Use of environmentally responsible solvents, chemicals and consumables
- A commitment to using vegetable oil-based inks
- The setting and monitoring of environmental targets
- Retaining consultants to examine and reduce our energy consumption
- Establishing procedures to minimise use of resources and continuously enable improvements where possible



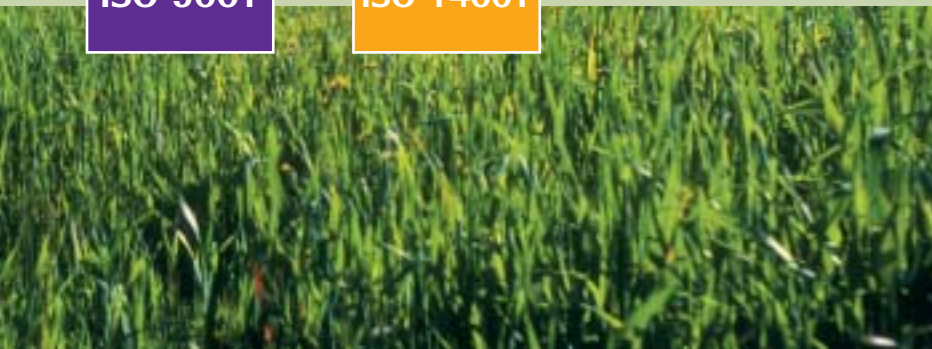
- The creation and communication of an Environmental Policy Statement (available on request)
- The introduction of Computer-to-Plate technology to completely remove film from the process
- The introduction of Spekta screening to reduce ink usage by up to 10%
- The separation of all production and office waste products, including paper, cardboard, plates, plastics, aerosols, rags, toner cartridges, ink tins, and chemicals, for recycling
- The creation of a register of all legislation and other environmental aspects
- Identifying all background information about our site, its environs, history and drainage
- Conducting regular environmental audits both internally and externally
- Developing a stringent purchasing policy with regard to paper purchasing and its manufacture
- Maintaining a full audit trail to record waste removed from APG by sub-contractors
- Requiring our suppliers and outworkers to conform to our environmental requirements
- Ensuring all sub-contractors working on site comply with APG practices
- Staff training to optimise resource usage, spillage clearance and waste management
- Continually looking for further improvement to our operation, and at newer technologies which can further reduce our impact on the environment.

APG had already adopted the majority of these procedures and working practices, prior to embarking on ISO 14001. Making further small improvements to secure ISO 14001 Accreditation is confirmation of our commitment to:

- Reduce waste
- Save costs for the company, and natural resources of the planet
- Benefit the environment.

ISO 9001

ISO 14001





We are also committed to compliance with:

- The requirements of COSHH, Health & Safety and Environment legislation
- The Environmental demands of our customers and their clients
- Industry and Government targets on international environmental issues.



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