

COMPANY STATEMENT
About the environmental concept
to obtain the Austrian Eco-label for catering trade enterprises

For over 160 years, Gerstner has been a leader in the gourmet industry. Tradition, combined with substantial experience has elevated them to the highest level of culinary expertise.



Both our corporate philosophy and our historical reputation of stability and reliability, show our long-term and continued commitment. This philosophy is also reflected in our commitment to the environment. We always strive to make ecologically sound improvements and also to preserve a beautiful and healthy environment for future generations.

The guest and the customer are the focus of Gerstner's philosophy: a reliable partner who combines the tradition since 1847 with the expertise of today. Throughout the planning of an event, our customers are actively involved in the implementation of the environmental measures. Environmental protection is important to us, and we steadily continue to make improvements.

Particularly important measures for this concept are:

- Informing the public, guests and employees about our environmental activities
- Involving customers in the implementation of our environmental program
- Encouraging employees to make environmentally friendly choices
- Efficiently using energy and water
- Optimizing measures to limit waste treatment in the context of waste management
- Controlling waste separation
- Using reusable bulk containers to minimize waste
- Using environmentally friendly detergents and cleaners, and regularly monitoring the emissions in disposal water
- Choosing both local and organic foods
- Purchasing products that have been given an environmental award



In order to more effectively communicate our environmental achievements to the public, we make every effort to fulfill the requirements of the Austrian eco-label for catering trade enterprises.

This label has given consumers within the public and private sectors the opportunity to easily choose environmentally friendly products whose quality is tested using state-approved criteria.

The environmental criteria on which the eco-label is based are the result of scientific studies and extensive consultations within the environmental committee. Members of this committee are experts representing environmental, consumer, and trade associations from companies of all sizes.

The criteria of the Austrian eco-label for catering trade enterprises take into account the environmental impacts in all three phases of service. This includes keeping waste to a minimum during purchasing, handling and disposal. The measures are particularly targeted toward:

- Limiting energy consumption
- Limiting water consumption
- Limiting the amount of waste
- Preferential use of renewable energy sources and materials that are less harmful to the environment
- Promotion of ecological information and environmental education

The measures and goals mentioned were put in place to generate positive economic and ecological changes, which contribute to protecting and preserving our environment.

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