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## **A Sustainability Review: Baby Diapers and Incontinence Products**



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**A Sustainability Review: Baby Diapers and Incontinence Products** is an excellent example of some of the joint-industry projects carried out under the auspices of EDANA's Hygiene Absorbent Products Manufacturers Committee (HAPCO).

HAPCO consists of 22 members companies of EDANA, producing absorbent hygiene products (baby diapers, feminine hygiene and incontinence products). HAPCO has five active task forces, working in the domains of communications, the environment, incontinence products, tampons and product safety.

This Sustainability Review is an initiative of HAPCO's Environmental Task Force and is sponsored by the following companies:



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This report clearly shows the absorbent hygiene product's industry's positive contribution to sustainable development.

In particular, the report highlights the evident benefits of modern disposable baby diapers and incontinence products to improved quality of life for millions of people as well as concrete achievements in environmental stewardship.

In this review the manufacturers of disposable baby diapers and adult incontinence products document the role their products and processes play in the three key areas generally accepted as critical to sustainable development:

- Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone
- Effective protection of the environment and prudent use of natural resources
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment

## The Review, which will be available shortly, covers the following areas:

### Sustainable Development

#### The Social Contribution

- The Development of Modern Diapers and Incontinence Products
- Product Description
- Social Developments and Lifestyle
- Skin Health Benefits
- The Industry's Commitment to Safety
- The Industry's Commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility

#### Environmental Stewardship

- Life Cycle Assessment
- Integrated Waste Management
- Diapers and Incontinence Product in Municipal Solid Waste
- Environmental Policy Instruments

### Prudent Use of Natural Resources

- Sustainable Forest Management
- Pulp Production
- The Manufacturing Process

### The Economic Contribution of the Industry in Europe

- The Market
- Members of the Industry
- Employment

This report is an essential reference for anyone involved or interested in the environmental or sustainability debate.

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