

# Our Ecological Engagement



 **UNIDENT**

ANIOS International Dental Group



# A Voluntary Commitment

As a manufacturer of hygiene and disinfection products, Unident recognises how our day to day activities can impact on the global environment. We are committed to the continual improvement in our environmental performance, producing market leading products, whilst respecting the impact on the people who use them and on the environment.

Unident are committed to a voluntary approach, based on three core values of its management system, Quality, Safety and Environment (QSE). The EcoEngage charter requires us to consider the impact on humans and the environment, during the life cycle of our products.



Each year, Unident invest in research and development, working in partnership with research institutes and centres. Committed to providing solutions which offer market leading performance, Unident are now recognised in over 60 countries worldwide. By investing your trust in Unident, you can be certain of our commitment in environmental performance, whilst protecting you, your patients and their families from the potential risks present in dentistry, today and in the future.

**EcoEngage, Our Ecological Engagement!**



## Raw Materials and Formulation

EcoEngage considers the environmental aspects when choosing raw materials to formulate our products, giving preference to eco-formulations.

- Using regulatory constraints as opportunities to produce innovative formulations. (Biocide, REACH)
- Working closely with research institutes and suppliers to use new generations of active ingredients and additives
- Eliminating CMR substances from our formulations
- Where possible, substituting allergenic substances and volatile organic compounds (VOC's)
- Giving priority to the use of biodegradable and non bioaccumulative molecules
- Using vegetal substances of olechemical origin
- Using a new generation of surfactants



## An Ecologically Managed Production Site

In 2006, Unident integrated with Laboratoires Anios, placing it at the centre of one of the world's leading disinfectant manufacturers and experts in the field of cross infection control. With pioneering research, development and production facilities, Laboratoires Anios are certified ISO 9001 since 2001, followed by ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 for the Sainghin-en-Mélantois production site. This means that the production of Unident products meets the requirements regarding preparation, implementation, update and assessment of a Quality, Safety and Environmental Management system.

Our production facilities include:

- Water treatment and purification plants connected to the production site
- An optimised water recycling system
- Treatment of waste water and fixing a pollution rate below the national requirements
- Storage in secondary containment facilities in case of product leakage or discharge
- Waste sorting and treatment systems



## In our office on a daily basis

We are committed to:

- Sorting of office waste
- Optimisation of paper consumption
- Using Imprim'Vert printers for sales and marketing documentation

# Transport

The EcoEngage charter also pays attention to atmospheric pollution caused by the transportation of our finished products.

EcoEngage means that we:

- Give priority to products in concentrated form to reduce the impact on transportation
- Select transport companies which meet the EURO 4 European emissions standard and preparing for the EURO 5 standard
- Choose vehicles with low CO2 emissions



# Use of Unident Products

Unident have produced product support practices and materials which are also incorporated in the EcoEngage charter.

This includes:

- Complete scientific files for all products detailing formulation properties
- Online access to the Health & Safety Data Sheets for all products
- Protocols of use for all products to ensure that they are used correctly and safely
- Detailed instructions for use in the labelling of all Unident products
- Ongoing technical and scientific training to all members of the Unident team
- Ongoing product training to our customers



# Packaging

We consider the choice of packaging materials used, essential when appraising the lifecycle of our products.

EcoEngage means:

- Preference is given to recyclable packaging
- Non use of aerosol spray applicators
- Where possible, use of single-material packaging for easier recycling
- Continual research in to new solutions for biodegradable packaging



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