



Through our environmental policy we make the following commitment:

Brother Sewing Machines Europe GmbH is a subsidiary of Brother Industries Ltd., Nagoya/Japan, and responsible for sales within Germany. As part of the global Brother Group, we are obliged to implement the environmental guidelines specified in Japan for the entire company.

In line with the philosophy of the Brother Group, we will further develop and improve our efforts to protect the environment – in the interests of and for the good of the general public. Environmental management is a key part of our business decision-making processes and we work continuously on improvements that help to protect and preserve the environment.

To further reduce the impact on the environment, Brother Sewing Machines Europe GmbH has adopted the company-wide Brother environmental management system, which conforms to the standards of ISO 14001.

- Within the framework of these standards, we will continuously evaluate our environmental performance, promote ecological activities and use Brother's 5R concept for further environmental activities within our company as well as in collaboration with trading partners.
- We will work with the appropriate legislative authorities in Europe to improve our overall environmental performance.

Brother Sewing Machines Europe GmbH does not make any products, but it plays an increasing role in product development and specification. For example, we help ensure products conform to the respective environmental laws and standards. Furthermore, we will follow all relevant environmental laws and legislations as well as other company intern liabilities.

Pursuant to ISO 14001, the following principles apply to us:

- Optimising energy consumption through technical infrastructure and a conscious approach
- Avoiding wastes and polluting emissions or at least reducing them to a minimum
- Realising statutory recycling regulations (e.g. WEEE, RoHS)
- Committing and accounting all staff to environmentally friendly behaviour

We opt for considered handling of environmentally relevant resources as well as an environmentally friendly energy policy.

We will review our progress regularly.

We undertake to expand our environmental activities effectively with the involvement of our employees, external companies and customers – with a view to promoting a sustainable awareness of the environment.