

## PESTICIDE POLICY

Growing rubber trees consumes much less pesticides than other crops. However, the use of these pesticides may be necessary at different stages of the growth and process to protect the trees and increase the process efficiency. Either way, SIPH considers the toxic human and environmental characteristics of chemical pesticides and identifies highly hazardous products using internationally recognized hazard groups and criteria. SIPH undertakes to comply with the requirements and applies standards related to the safe use of pesticides (purchase, transport, handling, storage, use, collection of packaging or empty containers and disposal)

- SIPH refrains from using the Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions and the Montreal Protocol and the FSC Pesticide Policy prohibited pesticides, including in countries where these conventions and protocols have not yet been ratified, and applies to all suppliers.
- SIPH refrains from using WHO Class 1a and 1b pesticides, including in countries where these pesticide restrictions are not yet in force, and applies to all suppliers.
- SIPH Commits to no use of paraquat in its own operation, and this applies to all suppliers.
- SIPH ensures that the risks of water pollution by organic or chemical pesticides is controlled.
- SIPH ensures that all its entities' employees, are trained in transporting, storing, handling, mixing, use and disposal of pesticides.
- SIPH ensures that its employees use adequate personal protective equipment and that the pesticides used are approved and stored in secure places.
- SIPH continuously strives to reduce and minimize the use of pesticides.
- SIPH considers, as far as possible, integrated pest management methods, organic methods and encourages the use of organic fertilizers

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