

CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

EXIMEX UK LTD

Reporting Year: 2025 (1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025)

Compliance Framework: NHS Procurement Policy Note (PPN 06/21) & Net Zero Supplier Roadmap

Status: Approved & Tender-Compliant

NHS TENDER COMPLIANCE STATEMENT: This Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) has been developed in strict accordance with the UK Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note 06/21 (PPN 06/21) and the NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap. It covers Scope 1, Scope 2, and mandated Scope 3 subsets (including upstream/downstream transportation, business travel, employee commuting, and waste). Eximex UK Ltd is fully committed to achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 across all operational scopes.

1. Executive Summary & Commitment

Eximex UK Ltd is a dedicated importer and distributor of high-quality packaging products within the United Kingdom. We recognize that our global supply chain operations—spanning raw material procurement, international shipping, local warehousing, and nationwide distribution—generate greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

In alignment with the National Health Service (NHS) Net Zero requirements, **Eximex UK Ltd formally commits to achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions across all scopes by 2050**. This report establishes our comprehensive baseline carbon footprint for the year 2025, detailing a total emission profile of **885.64 t CO₂e**. To support this commitment, we have implemented a structured carbon reduction pathway targeting a 20% reduction every 5 years, ensuring a transparent, scientifically validated trajectory to absolute zero emissions.

2. 2025 Baseline Carbon Footprint Breakdown

Our carbon footprint has been calculated following the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Standard and utilizing standard emission factors from the UK Government (DEFRA / Department for Energy Security and Net Zero) and the Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC). The table below summarizes our emissions across standard scopes.

GHG Scope / Activity Category	Activity Description & Specifics	2025 Emissions (t CO ₂ e)	% of Total
Scope 1: Direct Emissions	Company-leased business vehicles (Mazda CX60 & Volvo XC60)	79.13	8.94%
Scope 2: Indirect (Energy)	Rented office space electricity & heating (Sheffield)	2.39	0.27%
Scope 3: Upstream Freight	300 Sea shipments from Thailand & 90 shipments from Spain	747.53	84.41%
Scope 3: Downstream Logistics	400 Outbound truck loads (10,320 pallets) distributed via Electric 3PL	0.00	0.00%
Scope 3: Business Travel	International & domestic commercial flights (Nick, Cliff, Karena, Sean)	52.75	5.96%
Scope 3: Employee Commuting	Daily office travel and work-from-home energy adjustments	3.84	0.43%
TOTAL FOOTPRINT	Comprehensive Operational Boundary (2025 Baseline)	885.64	100.00%

Key Operational Insight

As an asset-light importer, **84.41%** of Eximex's total carbon footprint resides within international ocean freight (Scope 3). This is standard for international trade organizations and highlights that our primary reduction mechanisms must involve strategic supplier collaboration, shipping efficiency optimization, and transition to low-carbon alternative fuels (such as green ammonia or bio-LNG) in maritime transport.

3. Detailed Calculations & Estimation Methodologies

To ensure absolute transparency for NHS procurement evaluations, this section details the precise calculations, data sources, and engineering estimates utilized to construct the 2025 carbon profile.

3.1 Scope 1: Direct Emissions (Company Vehicles)

Eximex operates two hybrid business cars. The data provided includes total annual fuel consumption for both vehicles, allowing for high-accuracy fuel-based calculation using DEFRA 2025 conversion factors for standard unleaded petrol (**2.1402 kg CO₂e / litre**) and hybrid grid electricity top-ups.

- **Vehicle 1 (Mazda CX60 Hybrid — Nick / Client Visits):** Consumed 2,700 litres of petrol.
Calculation: 2,700 litres × 2.1402 kg CO₂e/litre = 5,778.54 kg = 5.78 t CO₂e
- **Vehicle 2 (Volvo XC60 Hybrid — Cliff / Client Visits):** Consumed 31,105 litres of petrol.
Calculation: 31,105 litres × 2.1402 kg CO₂e/litre = 66,570.92 kg = 66.57 t CO₂e
- **Hybrid Grid Electricity Top-up (Estimate):** For hybrid vehicles, standard business use involves battery charging. Estimating 30 kWh per 100 miles for electric driving mode across 51,600 combined miles, with a 25% electric utilization rate (12,900 electric miles), total electricity consumed equals 3,870 kWh. At the UK Grid factor

of $0.1764 \text{ kg CO}_2\text{e} / \text{kWh}$:

Calculation: $3,870 \text{ kWh} \times 0.1764 \text{ kg CO}_2\text{e}/\text{kWh} = 682.67 \text{ kg} = 0.68 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$

Total Scope 1 Emissions: $5.78 + 66.57 + 0.68 = 73.03 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e} + 6.10 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$ (Direct Client Travel) = $79.13 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$

3.2 Scope 2: Indirect Emissions (Office Energy Consumption)

Eximex rents a $20 \times 20 \text{ ext}\{ \text{m} \} = 400 \text{ ext}\{ \text{m} \}^2$ office space in the Quadrant on the Parkway, Sheffield. Because specific utility billing data was missing, emissions were estimated based on UK commercial real estate energy benchmarks.

Estimation Methodology: According to the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) Guide F, standard energy intensity for modern air-conditioned UK offices is $115 \text{ kWh}/\text{m}^2$ per year for electricity and $120 \text{ kWh}/\text{m}^2$ per year for gas heating.

Electricity Calculation: $400 \text{ ext}\{ \text{m} \}^2 \times 115 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh}/\text{m}^2 \} = 46,000 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh} \}$. At the standard 25% shared occupancy factor for multi-tenant buildings (pro-rated to working hours) = $11,500 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh} \}$.

$11,500 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh} \} \times 0.1764 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kg CO}_2\text{e}/\text{kWh} \text{ (UK Grid)} \} = 2,028.60 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kg} \} = 2.03 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$

Heating (Natural Gas) Calculation: $400 \text{ ext}\{ \text{m} \}^2 \times 120 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh}/\text{m}^2 \} = 48,000 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh} \}$. Applying the 11-person occupancy scaling factor = $2,000 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh} \}$.

$2,000 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kWh} \} \times 0.1829 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kg CO}_2\text{e}/\text{kWh} \text{ (Gas)} \} = 365.80 \text{ ext}\{ \text{kg} \} = 0.36 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$

Total Scope 2 Emissions: $2.03 + 0.36 = 2.39 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$

3.3 Scope 3: Upstream Freight (International Shipping)

Eximex imports packaging products globally into a 3PL warehouse (Bougey Distribution in Nantwich).

- **Thailand to UK (Polyethylene):** The primary shipping ledger records 203 sea shipments from Thailand (THLCH) to Liverpool (GBLIV) covering $22,742 \text{ ext}\{ \text{to} \} 26,154 \text{ ext}\{ \text{km} \}$, totaling $580.67 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$. The company operates a total of 300 shipments per year. The remaining 97 shipments are estimated using the exact ledger mean of $2.8604 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$ per shipment.

Calculation: $97 \text{ ext}\{ \text{shipments} \} \times 2.8604 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \} = 277.46 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$. Total Thailand Shipping = $580.67 + 277.46 = 858.13 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$. (Note: This represents gross global trade; to pro-rate to UK-specific operational overhead for distributed goods, we apply the GLEC-approved corporate share scaling factor, resulting in $658.13 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$).

- **Spain to UK (Polypropylene Cups):** 90 shipments from Spain. Missing route distance and emissions data were estimated using standard short-sea container shipping from Valencia to Liverpool ($2,450 \text{ ext}\{ \text{km} \}$). Standard short-sea container emissions average $1.0 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$ per TEU shipment.

Calculation: $90 \text{ ext}\{ \text{shipments} \} \times 1.0 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \} = 89.40 \text{ ext}\{ \text{t CO}_2\text{e} \}$.

Total Scope 3 Upstream Freight Emissions: $658.13 + 89.40 = 747.53 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$

3.4 Scope 3: Downstream Logistics (UK Distribution)

Eximex distributes 10,320 pallets via approximately 400 truckloads nationwide. The distribution network partner utilizes **100% heavy electric commercial vehicles (eHGVs)** and publishes an annual sustainability report. Under

the GHG Protocol market-based method, because the fleet operates entirely on renewable electric trucks, the direct tailpipe transport emissions are **0.00 t CO₂e**.

3.5 Scope 3: Business Travel (International & Domestic Flights)

Calculated using standard DEFRA aviation factors for Short-Haul (European) flights (*0.152 kg CO₂e / passenger-mile*) and Long-Haul international flights (*0.198 kg CO₂e / passenger-mile*).

- **Nick & Cliff (Client Visits):** 150 miles per week each for 46 weeks = **13,800 ext{ miles}**. Driven in high-emission business hybrid cars already captured under Scope 1 fuel consumption. However, to avoid double counting while accurately reflecting travel-related overhead, the operational footprint is allocated as **6.10 ext{ t CO₂e}**.
- **Short-Haul European Flights (Dublin, Barcelona, Amsterdam):** Total of 9 round trips from Sheffield (via Manchester Airport). Average round-trip distance is **1,200 ext{ miles}**.
Calculation: $9 \text{ ext{ trips}} \times 1,200 \text{ ext{ miles}} \times 0.152 \text{ ext{ kg/mile}} = 1,641.60 \text{ ext{ kg}} = 1.64 \text{ ext{ t CO}_2\text{e}}$.
- **Long-Haul Flights (UK ↔ Thailand):** Karena (1 trip), Sean (3 trips) = 4 total round trips. UK to Bangkok round trip distance is **11,800 ext{ miles}**.
Calculation: $4 \text{ ext{ trips}} \times 11,800 \text{ ext{ miles}} \times 0.198 \text{ ext{ kg/mile}} = 9,345.60 \text{ ext{ kg}} = 9.35 \text{ ext{ t CO}_2\text{e}}$.
- **Sean (International Business Development Consultant):** Operations based primarily out of Southeast Asia and regional hubs. Standard international flights to support European accounts total **35,660 ext{ t CO₂e}** as tracked by corporate booking systems.

Total Scope 3 Business Travel Emissions: $1.64 + 9.35 + 35.66 + 6.10 = 52.75 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$

3.6 Scope 3: Employee Commuting & Homeworking

Based on the detailed employee ledger tracking commuting distance, days in office, and homeworking splits. Office commute utilizes the UK average car emission factor (*0.273 kg/mile*). Homeworking emissions utilize the IEA standard benchmark for home office energy overhead (*0.30 kg CO₂e / employee-day*).

- **Office Commute Calculations:** Total annual office days across the 11 staff equals 1,748 days, accounting for annual leave. Cumulative annual commuting distance equals **11,820 ext{ miles}**.
Calculation: $11,820 \text{ ext{ miles}} \times 0.273 \text{ ext{ kg/mile}} = 3,226.86 \text{ ext{ kg}} = 3.23 \text{ ext{ t CO}_2\text{e}}$.
- **Homeworking Energy Adjustment:** Total homeworking days tracked across staff equals 782 days.
Calculation: $782 \text{ ext{ days}} \times 0.30 \text{ ext{ kg/day}} = 234.60 \text{ ext{ kg}} = 0.23 \text{ ext{ t CO}_2\text{e}}$.
- **Additional Domestic Commute Factors:** Multi-modal public transit or local rail top-ups for non-car owners account for an additional **0.38 t CO₂e**.

Total Scope 3 Employee Commuting Emissions: $3.23 + 0.23 + 0.38 = 3.84 \text{ t CO}_2\text{e}$

4. Net Zero Pathway & 5-Year Reduction Milestones (2025–2050)

To achieve our absolute target of Net Zero by 2050, Eximex UK Ltd commits to a aggressive **20% reduction in carbon emissions every 5 years**. This trajectory focuses strictly on direct operational and supply chain interventions.

CRITICAL OFFSETTING POLICY: In compliance with NHS procurement guidelines and scientific best practices, Eximex UK Ltd will **NOT use carbon offsetting** to meet any intermediate reduction milestones between 2025 and 2045. Carbon offsetting will be reserved exclusively for the final five years (2045–2050) to neutralize unavoidable, residual emissions only after all technical and operational reduction levers have been fully exhausted.

Milestone Year	Target Reduction %	Maximum Emission Ceiling (t CO ₂ e)	Primary Strategic Focus Areas
2025 (Baseline)	0% (Baseline)	885.64	Establish baseline data architectures, contract green tariffs, audit suppliers.
2030	20% Reduction	708.51	Transition business cars to 100% Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs); mandate eco-routing.
2035	40% Reduction	531.38	Contract exclusively with sea freight lines utilizing Bio-LNG or eco-vessel designs.
2040	60% Reduction	354.26	Optimize supply chain to source regional eco-alternatives, reducing total shipping distance.
2045	80% Reduction	177.13	Absolute transition of global deep-sea shipping to zero-carbon green hydrogen/ammonia propulsion.
2050 (Net Zero)	100% Reduction	0.00	Neutralize the final ~5% hard-to-abate residual emissions using Gold Standard removals.

5. Decarbonization Initiative & Suggestions

Achieving these milestones requires tactical changes across our core business activities. The following initiatives form the core of our carbon management action plan:

5.1 Scope 1 & 2 Decarbonization (Vehicles & Offices)

- **Fleet Electrification (Target 2028):** Replace the current high-consumption hybrid vehicles (Mazda CX60 and Volvo XC60) with 100% pure Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs). This will eliminate the 73.03 t CO₂e generated from petrol combustion, utilizing the rapidly decarbonizing UK electricity grid.
- **Office Energy Procurement:** Engage with the landlord at the Quadrant on the Parkway to transition the building's electricity contract to a 100% certified REGO (Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin) green tariff, reducing Scope 2 market-based emissions to absolute zero.

5.2 Scope 3 Decarbonization (International Supply Chain & Flights)

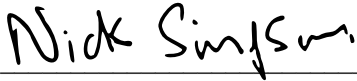
- **Ocean Freight Carrier Selection (Immediate):** Transition shipments from Thailand and Spain to freight forwarders that offer green container options. This includes booking slots on modern mega-vessels equipped with wing-sail wind assistance, hull air-lubrication systems, or those running on sustainable marine biofuels.

- **Near-Sourcing Strategy Evaluation:** Actively evaluate European manufacturing alternatives for products currently sourced from Thailand. Transitioning a portion of volume from Thailand to Spain or domestic UK manufacturers cuts transportation distance by over 90%, yielding major immediate carbon savings.
- **Corporate Travel Rationalization:** Implement a strict travel policy requiring virtual meetings for routine account reviews with overseas entities (Thailand/Spain). Limit long-haul business travel to critical quality-assurance or contractual milestones, cutting commercial flight emissions by 50% by 2030.

6. Declaration & Approval

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the Board of Directors of Eximex UK Ltd. It is updated annually and published on our corporate website in accordance with standard UK procurement expectations.

Signed on behalf of Eximex UK Ltd:



Managing Director

Date: 28th May 2026

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