

Other Indicator Definitions

Delivery Efficiency: Total CO₂ in Grams per Letter Mail and per Parcel (scope 1, 2 and 3 – Outsourced Transport):

Calculation of CO₂ emissions from Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 outsourced transport sources per letter mail and per parcel. Letter mail and parcel CO₂ emissions expressed in grams are divided by the total number of letter mail and of parcel items processed, respectively. For details of the methodologies used by participants to allocate emissions to letter mail and to parcel categories see Annex Table: 'Allocation methodologies for letter mail and parcel emissions'.

Percentage of Renewable Electricity used in Buildings:

The percentage of additional electricity purchased or self-generated that is obtained from renewable sources, i.e. it does not typically include renewable electricity already present in the national grid. Included are all sources of purchased and self-generated renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, hydro, geothermal). Electricity used for charging electric vehicles on site is included. Nuclear power, peat, and natural gas are not considered renewable energy sources.

Percentage of Alternative-Fuel Vehicles in Fleet:

Includes the total number of alternative-fuel vehicles within the postal vehicle fleet. This number is expressed as a percentage of the total number of vehicles in SMMS participants' collective delivery fleet. Alternative-fuel vehicles are vehicles that run on fuels other than petrol and diesel. This includes electric vehicles, hybrids, vehicles that run exclusively on biofuels or that run on LPG, LNG, CNG and hydrogen. It excludes vehicles that run on bio/mineral fuel mixes that are at or below the nationally agreed minimum content of bio/mineral fuel. Since 2017, self-propelled bicycles are not counted as alternative-fuel vehicles.

Percentage of Electric Vehicles in Fleet:

Includes the number of electric vehicles within the postal vehicle fleet. This number is expressed as a percentage of the total number of vehicles in SMMS participants' collective delivery fleet. Sub-categories of electric vehicles included in this number are electric trolleys/walk-buggies; electric bicycles; electric scooters/ motorbikes; electric cars (for business travel) and other types such as trikes, quadracycles, and other similar electric vehicles.

Waste Separated for Re-Use or Recycling:

Includes non-hazardous waste that is separated for reuse or recycling. This number is expressed as a percentage of the total volume of SMMS' participants collective non-hazardous waste.

'Re-use' means any operation by which products or components that are not waste are used again for the same purpose for which they were conceived.

'Recycling' means any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other purposes. It includes the reprocessing of organic material but does not include energy recovery and the reprocessing into materials that are to be used as fuels or for backfilling operations.