



Continuous Improvement in Responsible Care Award

Purpose

This award recognises organisations that demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement through Responsible Care. It celebrates businesses that proactively enhance their performance in health, safety, environmental stewardship, security, sustainability, and stakeholder engagement while delivering measurable benefits to employees, communities, customers, and the wider industry.

Eligibility

This award is open to all Distributor/Manufacturer and Logistics Services members that have been granted use of the Responsible Care Logo.

1. Leadership Commitment and Governance (15%)

Evidence that continuous improvement is embedded within organisational strategy and actively supported by leadership.

Please consider:

- Clear leadership commitment to Responsible Care principles
- Defined governance and accountability structures
- Integration of continuous improvement into business planning
- Employee involvement in identifying and implementing improvements
- Allocation of resources to support improvement initiatives

2. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Performance (20%)

Evidence of initiatives that have improved the health, safety, and wellbeing of employees, contractors, and visitors.

Please consider:

- Programmes that reduce risk and improve safety performance
- Proactive hazard identification and risk management
- Learning from incidents, near misses, and audits
- Workforce engagement in safety improvement activities
- Measurable improvements in health, safety, or wellbeing outcomes

3. Environmental and Sustainability Improvement (20%)

Evidence of initiatives that reduce environmental impact and contribute to sustainable operations.

Please consider:

- Reduction in emissions, waste, energy, water, or resource consumption
- Circular economy or resource-efficiency initiatives

- Environmental performance monitoring and reporting
- Biodiversity, climate, or sustainability programmes
- Quantifiable environmental improvements achieved

4. Innovation and Operational Excellence (15%)

Evidence of innovative approaches that have delivered meaningful improvements.

Please consider:

- New technologies, processes, or systems
- Continuous improvement methodologies applied effectively
- Operational efficiencies that enhance responsible performance
- Cross-functional collaboration and knowledge sharing
- Scalable solutions with long-term benefits

5. Stakeholder and Community Engagement (10%)

Evidence of meaningful engagement with stakeholders to support continuous improvement.

Please consider:

- Transparent communication and reporting
- Engagement with employees, customers, suppliers, regulators, or local communities
- Responsiveness to stakeholder feedback
- Collaborative initiatives that improve outcomes
- Contributions to industry learning and best practice

6. Demonstrable Impact and Continuous Progress (20%)

Evidence that improvement activities have delivered measurable and sustainable results.

Please consider:

- Clear baseline and performance data
- Quantifiable improvements achieved during the eligibility period
- Evidence that improvements have been sustained over time
- Lessons learned and continuous review processes
- Plans for future improvement and ongoing development

Submission Requirements

Entrants should provide:

- A summary of the improvement initiative(s) or programme
- The challenge, opportunity, or risk that was addressed
- Details of actions taken and stakeholder involvement
- Evidence of measurable outcomes and performance improvements
- Supporting data, case studies, testimonials, or audit findings
- Future plans for continued improvement

Judging Considerations

Judges will place particular emphasis on:

- Demonstrable and measurable improvement
- Alignment with Responsible Care values and principles

- Long-term sustainability of outcomes
- Transferability of learning and best practice
- Positive impact on people, environment, operations, and communities

Eligibility Period

Activities, projects, or programmes undertaken within the previous 24 months.

Word Limit

1,000–1,500 words plus supporting evidence.

Closing Date

The closing date for entries is **5pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026**

NB

All applications **must** include the following basic information at the top of the first page; Name | Job Title | Company | Email Address | Telephone No.

Please send your completed entry and any supporting documentation to:

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using the Award title in the subject line

All entries should be sent as a PDF file with any supporting documentation added as appendices