Excellence in safety, health and environment (SHE) is a top priority for the whole fertilizer industry. Excellent SHE performance within the IFA membership is globally recognized and duly rewarded. This is why since 2009, IFA has granted the Green Leaf Award every two years to deserving member companies.

Based on positive feedback from previous editions of the awards, the 2024 Green Leaf Award will be presented again to two different types of production sites: one to the best nitrogen producer and another one to the best phosphate or potash producer.

IFA is therefore inviting candidate production plants or material handling units from its membership to submit an application demonstrating how the implementation of a management system, specific project, innovation, or activity improved the overall performance in the area of safety, health and environment of the facility.

An independent panel of SHE professionals will select the winners of the 2024 Green Leaf Award who will then be invited to IFA’s Annual Conference in Singapore (May 2024). Recipients will receive their award from the Chair of IFA at the beginning of the Annual General Meeting.

Submit by: January 31, 2024

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CEO / Director General, IFA
ELIGIBILITY

The Award is open to all IFA members* and is given to a production complex or handling unit (single site) for their efforts, contributions and/or innovations to enhance safety, health and environmental performance.

To qualify for the Award, IFA member companies must demonstrate that the nominated complex has a valid Protect & Sustain certification or at least valid ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001 (or OSHAS 18001), or Responsible Care 14001 certification. Participants must submit using the registration form that can be downloaded via the IFA web site.

JUDGING

An independent panel of SHE professionals will review all applications and rank candidates according to a set of evaluation criteria. The applicant’s production site will be evaluated based on a specific project, innovation, activity, or contribution that improved the overall performance in the area of safety, health and environment. Preference will be given to those sites that have demonstrated significant innovation and/or improvement in SHE by minimizing harm, implementing leading indicators, enhancing production efficiency, and improving/enhancing environmental sustainability and occupational health – and that have a strong record of excellence in SHE performance. Additional points will be awarded to participating companies

* certified at the IFA Product Steward or IFA Product Steward Excellence levels under the Protect & Sustain certification program
* regularly participating in IFA’s Safety Performance, Environmental Performance and Energy Efficiency & CO₂ Emissions (for ammonia producers only) benchmarks

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

IFA members wishing to submit an application should download the application forms from the IFA website. The following information should be provided:

1. Company profile:
   In a maximum of 500 words, the applicant should provide a brief description of the company, its products and its activities.

2. Description of the contribution and/or innovation:
   In a maximum of 1000 words, the applicant should provide a detailed description of the project/innovation/activities/efforts made to improve and maintain SHE excellence.

3. Supporting evidence/performance records:
   In a maximum of 500 words, the applicant should provide evidence substantiating the achievement, which should include total recordable injuries (TRI) for employees and contractors, leading and lagging indicators, the yearly sickness rate, and emissions rate of the relevant products per reporting period.

4. Proof of certification under the IFA Protect & Sustain program, or valid ISO, OSHAS and Responsible Care certifications.

Please return your applications electronically to Alexandra Dorison of the IFA Secretariat by January 31, 2024.

The winners will be notified by IFA individually, in the first half of 2024.

* Previous Green Leaf Award winners are invited to participate out of competition.