



ANTI-BRIBERY PREVENTION SERVICES

DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO INTEGRITY

SGS

INVEST IN COMPLIANCE

In today's challenging environment, corporate business integrity is coming under increasing scrutiny from stakeholders.

Investors, customers, business partners and civil society are all looking for an assurance that companies meet society's expectations and operate responsibly. This is particularly true when it comes to bribery prevention measures.

Certifying your operations against applicable legislation and acknowledged international best practices allows you to maximise your investment in this important area and gives you the opportunity to:

- Communicate about your efforts in a positive way;
- Offer credible proof of the quality of your programme;
- Get a competitive advantage in bidding for governmental contracts and international funds financed contracts;
- Benchmark your company's integrity programme with international best practices;
- Further enforce your policy and reduce the risk of potential lapses;
- Be seen as 'best-in-class' within your industry when it comes to bribery prevention policies;
- Provide verified information to relevant stakeholders; and
- Mitigate the risk of facing the cost of bribery issues such as: fines, monitoring processes, reputation impact, being blacklisted, share value decrease and legal sanctions, among others.

OUR APPROACH

As no single international standard exists to certify bribery prevention policies, our methodology is based on a combination of international conventions and best practices, these include:

- OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials
- UN Convention Against Bribery
- TI and SAI Business Principles for Countering Bribery
- ICC Rules of Conduct and Recommendations Against Extortion and Bribery
- United States Federal Sentencing Guidelines Seven Steps

The SGS approach has been developed in conjunction with ETHIC Intelligence, our certification partner, and is validated by the Basel Institute of Governance.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Certification can cover any bribery prevention mechanism – such as training programmes, risk analyses or contractual procedures – of any legal entity whether it be group-wide, a subsidiary, or a contract, provided that the mechanism in question is meaningful to the company's activity.

ASSESSMENT OF KEY CRITERIA

During the audit, your bribery prevention mechanisms are assessed against four key areas:

1. Policies to raise awareness on bribery issues;
2. Completeness and effectiveness of training programmes;
3. Procedures to mitigate the risk of bribery; and
4. Internal monitoring of your policies and procedures.

WHAT DOES CERTIFICATION MEAN?

Our certification consists of an evaluation of the mechanisms your organisation has put in place to prevent bribery. It can provide assurance that your policies are both adequate and fully implemented and will help to demonstrate a diligent approach to anti-bribery.

“BUSINESSES SHOULD WORK AGAINST CORRUPTION IN ALL ITS FORMS, INCLUDING EXTORTION AND BRIBERY.”

UN Global Compact, Principle 10

WHY SGS?

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. Recognised as the global benchmark for quality, we employ over 55 000 people and operate a network of more than 1 000 offices and laboratories around the world. We are constantly looking beyond customers' and society's expectations in order to deliver market leading services wherever they are needed.

SGS experience includes conducting thousands of audits against third party, industry and customer based specifications and social compliance standards. With local and regional offices all over the world, SGS has in-depth knowledge of local customs and risks.

The SGS team of auditors dedicated to bribery prevention mechanisms is specialised in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility and has been specially trained by ETHIC Intelligence experts.

They possess the skills, resources and expertise to carry out directly the highest-quality assessments of your bribery prevention mechanisms, and like all SGS employees their objectivity, ethics and confidentiality are beyond reproach.

OUR PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

About ETHIC Intelligence

ETHIC Intelligence is the world's leading certification agency specialising in the field of bribery prevention. ETHIC Intelligence Certificates are awarded upon decision of the ETHIC Intelligence Certification Committee composed of leading international experts in the fields of bribery prevention and anti-money-laundering. For more information, visit www.ethic-intelligence.com



About the Basel Institute on Governance

Our audit and certification processes are validated by the Basel Institute on Governance, a specialised research and policy institute grouping experts in the field of bribery prevention, anti-money-laundering and asset-recovery. The Basel Institute on Governance conducts yearly, random checks of a sample of certificates awarded by ETHIC Intelligence based on SGS audits to ensure the certificates meet the highest standards. For more information, visit www.baselgovernance.org/

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