

Responsible Supply Chain Assessment

ASSESSING HUMAN RIGHTS RISKS AND IMPACTS THROUGHOUT THE SUPPLY CHAINS



WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY CHAIN ASSESSMENT?

Responsible Supply Chain Assessment assesses any organization's human rights risks and impacts, and easily adapts to focus on risks and impacts specific to your industry or sector.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Evolving requirements to respect and protect human rights and demands for supply chain transparency create an urgent need for decisive solutions that support your supply chain management, continuous improvement and efforts to meet due diligence requirements. The natural evolution of corporate social responsibility (CSR) also demands more robust responsible sourcing programs.

Moving away from traditional audits of working conditions, we can help you foster responsible business practices and mitigate human rights risks and adverse impacts across your supply chain, such as reputational damage and hefty penalties like fines and delayed time to market.

WHICH INDUSTRIES IS IT FOR?

Our tool is easily adaptable to focus on risks and impacts specific to your industry or sector, as per international standards, evolving legal requirements and best practices.

From a traditional manufacturing or office setting to a farm or fishing vessel, we have many modules to suit the vulnerabilities and risks found within the diverse working environments throughout extended supply chains, including:

- Food (farms, packing houses and fishing vessels, etc.)
- Automotive (car parts manufacturing facilities and assembly plants, etc.)
- Industrial manufacturing (factories, facilities and recruitment, etc.)
- Textiles (agriculture, manufacturing and logistics facilities, etc.)
- Service industries (IT, call centers, real estate and recruitment, etc.)
- And more to come, as we evolve the service

ASSESSMENT AREAS

- Management systems and human rights due diligence
- Compliance with laws and client requirements
- Forced labor and responsible recruitment
- Child/young labor
- Discrimination, equality and diversity
- Grievance mechanisms and disciplinary actions
- Freedom of association and collective bargaining
- Working hours
- Wages and benefits
- Health and safety
- Environment
- Anti-bribery and integrity

KEY BENEFITS

- Understand your suppliers' operations by collecting information on their facilities and practices
- Create more productive and sustainable workplaces, and attract and retain talented workers
- Save time and money through flexible and streamlined single or multisite audits
- Showcase your shared values through managing and monitoring compliance with human rights regulations and international standards
- Substantiate your sustainability/ESG reporting and evidence transparency across your supply chain
- Promote a culture of respect for human rights and improvement of working conditions
- Avoid costly penalties and delaying products going to market
- Leverage a global network of experts, trained to assess risks in various industries and working environments, aligning with international standards, legal requirements and best practices
- Contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including goals 1, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 16

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