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The Modern Slavery Act 2015

Do you know enough about your supply chain?

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The Transparency in Supply Chains Provision: the legal requirements – who? what? how? when?

Assessing risk: due diligence

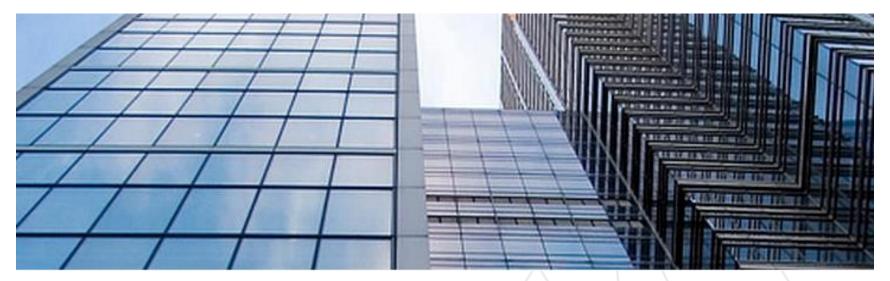
Managing the supply chain risk:

- Collaboration
- Contractual provisions
- KPIs



Who? What? How? When?





UK Government wants to "support, motivate and incentivise organisations to understand the complex issue of modern slavery and how they can tackle it"

"By increasing supply chain accountability, more workers will be protected and consumers will have greater confidence in the goods and services they buy. That is why the transparency in supply chains provision is world leading and will bring about the change that is so vitally needed."



Ethical Trading Initiative survey:

- 71% of retail companies surveyed believe there is a likelihood of modern slavery occurring at some stage in their supply chains
- Reputational risk is the biggest driver for change, but other factors are significant too





- Who When
- A body corporate or a partnership, wherever incorporated
- Which carries on a business, or part of a business, in the UK
- And supplies goods or services
- Has an annual turnover of £36m or more
- All subsidiaries that meet the threshold are included (although one statement can be produced for all)
- Franchisee models based on turnover of franchisor

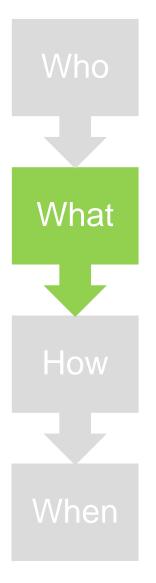


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"a statement of the steps the organisation has taken during the financial year to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place

- in any of its supply chains and
- in any parts of its business, or
- a statement that the organisation has taken no such steps"





It may include:

- Organisation's structure, its business and supply chains;
- Its policies in relation to slavery and human trafficking
- Its due diligence processes
- The parts of its business where there is a risk of slavery and human trafficking taking place, and the steps it has taken to assess and manage that risk;
- Its effectiveness in ensuring that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in its business or supply chains, measured against such performance indicators as it considers appropriate
- The training about slavery and human trafficking that is available to its staff



- How When
 - For Companies, must be approved by the Board and signed by a director
 - If the organisation has a website, it must publish the statement on the website and include a link to the statement in a prominent place on the homepage



- Applies to financial years ending on or after 31 March 2016
 - As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the financial year
 - Organisations are encouraged to report within six months of the financial year end
- Secretary of State can seek an injunction enforcing the duty to publish a statement
- Primary compliance drivers are intended to be pressure from consumers, activist shareholders, trade unions, civil society and the press

Assessing risk: due diligence

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Consider:

- Country
- Sector
- Transaction
- Business partnerships

Supply chain mapping

Risk allocation to identify priority areas Audit

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Managing the supply chain risk:

Collaboration Contractual provisions KPIs



Responding to identified cases of modern slavery:

- Have a procedure for reporting suspected and identified slavery
- In the UK, must report to the police on 101
- Outside the UK, response should be tailored to local circumstances: eg local NGOs, industry bodies, trade unions or other support organisations

Training

Collaboration with:

- high and medium risk suppliers
- external organisations
- competitors?

KPIs



Managing risks – contractual provisions

Use of contractual provisions:

- Adherence to the organisation's anti-slavery policy;
- Obligation to abide by all applicable laws (including MSA 2015)
- Warranties that:
 - Applicable laws are being adhered to
 - The supplier has not been subject to any slavery investigations or charges
- Audit rights
- Obligation to co-operate with investigations
- Obligation to provide annual reports setting out steps the supplier is taking
- Termination rights where issues are identified
- Obligation to cascade obligations down to its suppliers

Conclusion



Thank You for Attending



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