

Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement



INTRODUCTION FROM THE CEO

Lionel Hitchen Ltd is committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking occurring in any of its corporate activities, as well as seeking to ensure that our supply chains are also free from such practices.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring compliance in their respective departments and also for their supplier relationships.

Staff are expected to report concerns and management are expected to act upon them.

OUR ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Lionel Hitchen Ltd is an independent UK company founded in 1965, supplying flavour ingredients to the food and beverage industries.

We have employees based at two sites in the UK, in Barton Stacey and Andover and an office in Florida, USA.

OUR SUPPLY CHAINS

We have zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking, and therefore expect all those in our supply chains and contractors to comply with our values.

Our supply chains are global and include the sourcing of a wide range of raw materials principally related to the provision of flavour ingredients for food and drink, including items such as botanicals, essential oils, oleoresins and flavouring substances.

Other suppliers provide us with services such as laundry and pest control.

POLICIES RELATING TO SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business. Our Anti-Slavery Policy reflects our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships together with implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls.

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Lionel Hitchen Ltd are committed to treating their employees in a respectful and equitable manner, providing fair rewards and benefits for the jobs they carry out. We have systems in place to encourage the reporting of concerns and also to provide protection for Whistle-blowers.

Lionel Hitchen Ltd are members of Sedex, therefore subject to the 4 pillar SMETA audit providing our customers with assurance that we are operating in a responsible and ethical manner.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Our food ingredient supply chains are being evaluated and include reviews of geographical risks and supplier's ethical principles. These are then assessed against pre-determined criteria in order to identify areas of highest risk with regard to Modern Slavery. We acknowledge that certain countries will provide an increased risk of modern slavery.

Guidance is taken from The Global Slavery Index www.globalslaveryindex.org and their modern slavery prevalence index rank used for reviewing the geographical risks.

We have identified heightened risks where raw materials are sourced from countries which have a higher prevalence of modern slavery and suppliers are not members of Sedex. In these instances, further evaluation is conducted in order to confirm suitability of supply.

We will continue to assess the segments of our supply chain then put in place measures to mitigate identified risks. Identified actions will be put in place detailing the tasks to be carried out together with appropriate timescales and responsibilities.

DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Supplier assessment is taken seriously as part of our due diligence with new suppliers being fully assessed prior to use & existing suppliers subject to regular review.

In order to monitor and mitigate the risks of slavery and human trafficking occurring within our supply chains we aim to undertake the following due diligence processes in relation to all new suppliers:

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- Suppliers are required to complete self assessment questionnaires and provide product information on each raw material they supply to us. This information is reviewed and then decisions made with regards to approval for our raw material supply.
- All suppliers are requested to sign an Ethical and Social Accountability Declaration and to complete a detailed Ethical Trading Questionnaire.
- As part of our supplier approval process, we monitor which suppliers are members of Sedex & which have their own ethical declarations. These aspects are then evaluated which go towards the suppliers overall approval. Any suppliers deemed to be high risk will undergo further discussion or investigation and could lead to them being de-listed and not approved for the purchase of raw materials, goods or services.

STAFF TRAINING

We provide training to all key staff to ensure that they understand the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking infiltrating our business or supply chains and effectively operate our policies and procedures aimed at mitigating this risk.

MONITORING OF OUR EFFECTIVENESS IN COMBATING SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We measure how effective we have been to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any part of our business or supply chains.

- We monitor internal labour and payroll
- We assess our material and packaging suppliers against pre-determined criteria
- We make our staff aware of human rights

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Company's Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the current financial year.

Eva Agnew

Chief Executive

Lionel Hitchen Ltd