

SOCIAL COMPLIANCE POLICY				
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Social Compliance Policy

Policy Statement

Alimenta AS is aware that the food industry is about much more than just food. It is about delivery performance, business, social, and environmental responsibility, innovation through developing new products and production methods and about providing quality products to our customers. Our main goal is to develop and maintain a financially sound and prosperous business with respect towards human, nature and environment. Alimenta AS assumes the responsibility of the areas over which we have control. This means that we have a responsibility toward the local communities and immediate environment in which we operate, as well as towards our employees, customers, suppliers, and society.

In Alimenta AS we believe that our success is built on a foundation of personal and professional integrity. Alimenta AS understands the challenge of ensuring high social, ethical, and environmental standards within our business and throughout our supply chain and is committed to working close together with our suppliers to make sure that these standards are subject to continues improvement.

Alimenta respects the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and expects our business partners to adhere to the articles (UN.org) outlined in this declaration and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions for preserving human rights throughout our supply chain.

To achieve this, Alimenta AS has developed this social compliance policy. This policy defines Alimenta AS its minimum standards along with basic principles we expect from all our Suppliers and (sub) Contractors. Alimenta AS is committed to ensure that the standards, outlined in this policy are effectively implemented, measured, and monitored throughout our supply chain and we require the support of our suppliers to achieve this goal.

Scope

Alimenta AS's management defines this policy as relevant to the organization itself, its (sub) contractors, suppliers and other parties engaged throughout our supply chain.

Compliance

Business partners (included but, not limited to agents, vendors, manufacturers, factories, suppliers, and (sub) contractors) must comply fully with all (local) legal requirements relevant to the conduct of their businesses. This policy communicates our values and expectations and emphasizes the importance of responsible workplace policies and practices, which generally comply, at a minimum, with applicable occupational Health and Safety, environmental and labor laws, and regulations. The standards outlined reflect the values we uphold in our own policies, and we expect our suppliers to follow these standards and requirements. Suppliers will also be held accountable for the operations of their subsidiaries, affiliates and subcontractors and ensure that they are complying.

No Forced Labor, Human Trafficking, or Slavery

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Employment must be voluntary, and respect the right of employees to choose to work by their own free will. Suppliers must not use forced labor, whether in the form of prison labor, indentured labor, bonded labor or otherwise, nor shall engage in any form of human trafficking and/or slavery. Also, employees are free to leave their employer after reasonable notice.

No Child Labor

Alimenta AS does not engage in or support the use of child labor. Suppliers must not recruit child labor (Child Labor being defined under ILO Conventions as workers under the age of 15, or 14 in certain developing countries). No hazardous work may be carried out by anyone under the age of 18. Suppliers must maintain formal documentation that verifies the age of each worker and implement a remediation program if child labor is found. If children are found to be working in directly for the supplier, the latter shall seek a sensitive and satisfactory solution that puts the best interest for the child. A remediation program can be requested at Alimenta AS. Children and young persons under 18 shall not be employed at night or in dangerous conditions.

Alimenta AS supports the development of legitimate workplace apprenticeships programs for the educational benefit of younger people as long as they are not being exploited or given jobs that are dangerous to their health and safety.

Freedom of Association

The freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining must be respected. Suppliers adopt an open attitude towards the activities of both trade unions and worker organizations. Workers' representatives are not discriminated against and have access to carry out their representative functions in the workplace. Where the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining is restricted under law, the employer facilitates, and does not hinder, the development of parallel means for independent and free association and bargaining. Suppliers are required to provide training to workers on their rights regarding freedom of association and collective bargaining, ensuring that they are aware of how to exercise these rights without fear of retaliation.

No Discrimination

Employees must not be subject to discrimination in employment, including with respect to hiring, salary, benefits, advancement, discipline, termination, or retirement, based on gender, race, religious or personal beliefs, age (other than normal and legally allowed hiring or retirement limitations), disability, sexual orientation, maternity or marital status, nationality, political opinion, union participation, social or ethnic origin or membership of any legal organization. Employment decisions must be made solely based on knowledge, skill, efficiency, and ability to do the job and meet its requirements.

No Harassment or Abuse

Every employee must be treated with respect and dignity. No employee may be the subject to any physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal harassment or abuse including the use of physical punishment. All disciplinary actions must be recorded and be fair, proportionate, and fully compliant with local laws. There should be established a reporting system for employees to safely report instances of discrimination, harassment or abuse, with a clear and confidential process for addressing and resolving these reports.

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Working Conditions

Suppliers shall provide a safe and hygienic working environment, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards.

Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring during work, by minimizing, as far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent to the working environment. Applicable occupational Health and Safety regulations will be adhered to and complied with, and a working environment which is safe and conducive to good health shall be provided.

Employees shall receive regular and recorded health and safety training and such training shall be repeated for new or reassigned employees. Access to clean toilet facilities and to potable water, and, if appropriate, sanitary facilities for food storage shall be provided. Employee accommodations, where provided, shall be clean, safe and meet the basic needs of the employees. Responsibility for health and safety shall be assigned to a senior management representative.

Fair Wages

Wages and benefits paid for a standard working week must meet or exceed national legal standards and the industry benchmarks.

All employees shall be provided with written and understandable agreement about their employment conditions in respect to wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid. Wages shall be paid directly to the employees, at the agreed intervals in full. Overtime must be paid at an enhanced rate, at a minimum compliant with national legislation. Deductions from wages as a disciplinary measure shall not be permitted nor shall any deductions from wages not provided by national law be permitted without the expressed permission of the worker concerned. All disciplinary measures should be recorded.

Working Hours

Working hours shall comply with national laws and benchmark industry standards, whichever affords greatest protection. Comply with applicable hour and benefit laws related to the industry and/or local labor market.

Regular Employment is Provided

To every extent possible, the performed work must be based on recognized employment relationship established through national law and practice. Migrant, contract, part-time and home-workers must receive the same rights, benefits and opportunities as other workers performing similar activities.

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Protect the environment

Suppliers shall conduct their businesses in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, rules, and regulations. Waste is minimized and items recycled wherever this is practicable. Effective controls of waste in respect to ground, air, and water pollution are adopted. In the case of hazardous materials, emergency response plans are in place. In respect of packaging and paper, undue and unnecessary use of materials is avoided, and recycled materials are used whenever appropriate. In respect of energy use, all production and delivery processes, including the use of heating, ventilation, lighting, IT systems and transportation, are based on the need to maximize efficient energy use and to minimize harmful emissions.

Business integrity

Suppliers shall strive to provide a workplace free of bribery and corruption by complying with all applicable law relating to bribery, money laundering and/or corruption as well as prohibiting the exchange of money or anything else of value to or from anyone, including government officials, to influence actions or to obtain an improper advantage.

Alimenta AS Requires its Suppliers to:

To comply with this Policy and all applicable law, in the countries in which they operate, and to conduct regular internal assessments to assure their compliance with this Social Compliance Policy. Where standards differ, the standard which offers the greatest degree of protection to employees shall apply.

Allocate the relevant resources for full implementation of the Social Compliance Policy.

- Communicate the Policy to all employees, suppliers, sub-contractors, home workers, temporary, and contract workers engaged in the supply chain. (Alimenta AS will recognize suppliers' own Policy and standards where they are comparable with our own).
- Communicate openly and honestly with Alimenta AS and all its subsidiaries and allow access to documentation and sites as required to determine performance against this Policy.

Reporting of unethical conditions across the supply chain

Alimenta AS is committed to protecting human rights and the environment across our supply chain. Through collaboration, transparency and responsible sourcing, we aim to maintain a supply chain that reflects our values and commitment. We expect our suppliers to collaborate with us to uphold ethical standards and promote sustainability as depicted in this policy.

If you or any of your suppliers uncover violations of human rights, labor conditions, or incidents that may pose a risk to the environment and local communities, please report this as soon as possible directly to us at quality@alimenta.no. We are open to dialogue and collaboration when critical issues arise. If needed, we are ready to work with our suppliers to determine appropriate solutions.

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Continuous Improvement

Alimenta AS commits to periodically review this policy to ensure its adequacy, suitability and effectiveness. This review will be integrated into our quality management system and consider changes in legislation, industry standards, and other relevant requirements.

Alimenta may conduct audits of suppliers and subcontractors to ensure continuous compliance with our Social Compliance Policy. In some cases, third-party auditors might be used for impartial assessments.

Queries on Social Compliance

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our supplier social responsibility requirements in more details, please contact our quality department at: quality@alimenta.no

The section below is to be signed by the supplier/contractor and a copy of this page is returned to Alimenta AS.

I confirm that _____ (*insert-your-Company-name*) understands, and is prepared to work towards full compliance with Alimenta AS's Social Compliance Policy.

Company Address:

(Signature)

(Name)

(Date)

(Title)

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The Social Compliance Policy must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the company and returned to the assigned Alimenta AS contact within 15 working days of receipt.