



# "Auditing for GOTS Social Compliance"

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### What is social compliance?

Social compliance is a broad term that refers to how a business treats its employees with regards to health, safety, wages, and benefits. There are international and national protocols to regulate working environments. "Compliance" means that the company follows these social regulations appropriately

### What are the consequences of noncompliance?

- 1.Backlash from customers
- 2. Loss of business relationships
- 3. Production delays
- 4. Customs seizure





# Supplier compliance H&M

Far East: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Myanmar, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

South Asia: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

EMEA: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia,

Ethiopia, France,

Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, USA

**•SEE MORE CHILD LABOUR TOTAL** 100% 100% 100% 100% **COMPLIANCE •SEE MORE** YOUNG WORKERS' REQUIREMENTS TOTAL 28% 82% 100% 65% **COMPLIANCE •SEE MORE WORKERS' BASIC RIGHTS** TOTAL 80% 90% 77% 84% **COMPLIANCE •SEE MORE WORKERS' RIGHTS TOTAL** 90% 73% 87% 81% **COMPLIANCE •SEE MORE HEALTH AND SAFETY TOTAL** 82% 89% 86% 87% **COMPLIANCE •SEE MORE ENVIRONMENT** TOTAL 84% 75% 77% 77%

FAR EAST

**•SEE MORE HOUSING CONDITIONS** 

**COMPLIANCE** 

TOTAL

COMPLIANCE

94%

95%

**•SEE MORE HOME WORKERS** 

**EMEA** 

**AUDIT QUESTION** 

95%



COMPLIANCE







89%

TOTAL

SOUTH ASIA



#### **SOCIAL CRITERIA – GOTS**

- 1. Employment is freely chosen
- 2. Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining are respected
- 3. Child labour must not be used
- 4. No discrimination is practiced
- 5. Working conditions are safe and hygienic
- 6. Fair remuneration
- 7. Working hours are not excessive
- 8. No precarious employment is provided
- 9. Harsh or inhumane treatment is prohibited
- **10.** Social Compliance Management
- 11. Ethical Business Behavior



Area	Risk – <u>GINNING</u>
Storage (Heap Area , Pala House , Bale storage)	<ol> <li>Safety Issues 2. Un identified Workforce</li> <li>Presence of Child 4. Un controlled movement of Tractors 5. Absence of fire extinguishers, Missing FES, Blocked Emergency exit.6. Stacking Height</li> </ol>
Production	<ol> <li>High Fluff level 2. Noise level @ DR 3. Safety Issues Uncovered machine part.</li> <li>Absence of fire extinguishers, Missing FES, Blocked Emergency exit</li> </ol>
Social	<ol> <li>Forced Overtime</li> <li>No Premium rate for OT</li> <li>No control on shift time</li> <li>Minimum wages not providing</li> <li>Accommodation facility provided for state migrant workers unsafe &amp; Un hygienic condition .</li> <li>No drinking water facility , Toilets are un hygienic &amp; Dirty , some time not available.</li> </ol>
Documentation	<ol> <li>Due to seasonal business document proof available – Age proof , Appointment letter not available</li> <li>Forced labour</li> <li>Bonded labour</li> <li>No Statutory benefit (PF , ESIC)</li> <li>No practical health and safety training provided.</li> </ol>



AREA	RISK – <u>SPINNING</u>
Production	<ol> <li>Flying fibers</li> <li>Uncovered moving machine parts</li> <li>High noise level specially in R/F and Doubling section</li> <li>Poor working condition</li> </ol>
Social & Health safety	<ol> <li>Toilets &amp; washrooms unhygienic</li> <li>No space for food consumption</li> <li>First aid box missing, expired medicine, Tablets kept in first aid box</li> <li>Un hygienic rest rooms, canteens.</li> <li>PPES not used /not provided Un safe material handling</li> <li>Abuse, Disciplinary action</li> <li>Missing FES, Blocked FES, Absence of Floor plan, Emergency prepaidnes plan missing, Hydrant box key missing, hammer missing to brake glass.</li> </ol>
Documentation	<ol> <li>Trade union related issues (Meeting records , Settlement proofs)</li> <li>Contract workers related</li> <li>Falsification is timing records , wages records , workers contracts .</li> </ol>





AREA	RISK – <u>KNITTING &amp; WEAVING</u>
Production	<ol> <li>Flying fibers</li> <li>Uncovered moving machine parts</li> <li>High noise level specially in R/F and Doubling section</li> <li>Poor working condition</li> <li>Un safe material handling</li> </ol>
Social & Health safety.	<ol> <li>Flying fibers</li> <li>Toilets &amp; washrooms unhygienic</li> <li>Abuse , Disciplinary action</li> <li>Missing FES , Blocked FES , Absence of Floor plan , Emergency prepaidnes plan missing , Hydrant box key missing , hammer missing to brake glass.</li> <li>Overt time rate</li> <li>Excessive working Hrs</li> <li>Safety Training records</li> </ol>
Documentation	<ol> <li>Waste handling &amp; Disposal procedure</li> <li>Contract workers related</li> <li>Falsification is timing records , wages records , workers contracts .</li> </ol>

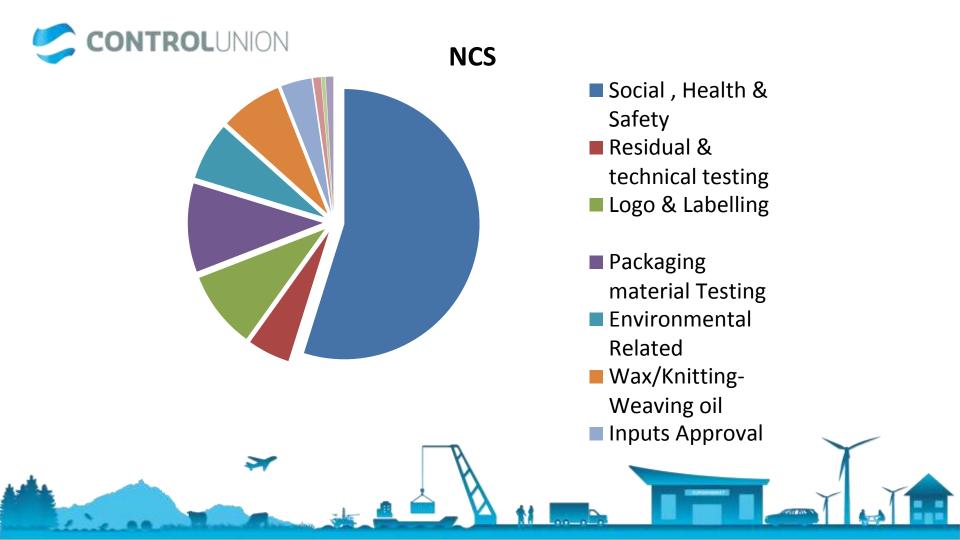


AREA	RISK – <u>WET PROCESSING</u>
Production	<ol> <li>PPES are not used and provided</li> <li>Hot temperature machines in working area</li> <li>Continue work , chemical exposure , Adore</li> </ol>
Social & Health safety.	<ol> <li>Un safe storing of Chemicals.</li> <li>Missing eye wash station, missing chemical spillage kits</li> <li>Missing FES, Blocked FES, Absence of Floor plan, Emergency prepaidnes plan missing, Hydrant box key missing, hammer missing to brake glass.</li> <li>Overt time rate /Hrs.</li> <li>Excessive working Hrs.</li> <li>Safety Training records.</li> </ol>
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AREA	RISK – <u>MANUFACTURING</u>
Social & Health safety.	<ol> <li>Minimum Wages</li> <li>Working hrs &amp; Overtime Hrs /Rate</li> <li>Blocking of path ways</li> <li>Missing floor plan</li> <li>Un safe stacking</li> <li>Abuse and sexual harassment</li> <li>Engagement of young workers</li> <li>Migrant workers</li> <li>Piece rate working culture</li> </ol>







### **Guidance for conducting workers interview**

#### The Introduction

- Clearly explain the purpose of the interview
- · Provide assurances of confidentiality.
- Manage expectations of workers and clarify role of the social auditor .
- Workers may hope that the audit will resolve their individual grievances \*
- Workers may expect improvement in general factory conditions .

#### What workers want to know -

- How will you use what i tell you?
- •How will you protect my identity or the information i provided?
- •Will the factory close down if i provide sensitive information?
- •How long will this take ?
- •Am I being paid for this time?

#### Gathering information -

- •Know what you want to ask?
- •Start from a discussion on general questions or topics and lead gradually to a workers specific query .
- Ask open question
- •Gather sufficient information, especially if a violation is uncovered.



#### Continued ......

- Listen carefully and accept workers view.
- •Give workers enough time to respond.
- Be specially careful when gathering sensitive information.
- •Know when you have probed enough & when to stop the discussion.
- •Note workers credibility.
- •Manage workers remaining concerns.
- •Thanks the worker for his/her time , comments and cooperation .
- Give the workers your contact information to report any reprisal .

#### Closing Interview -

- •Manage workers remaining concerns
- •Thanks the workers for his/her time, comments, and co operation.
- •Give the worker your contact information to report any reprisals.



### **Key Review Requirement**

- 1. Understand the factories payroll and time keeping system
- 2. Gather Documents and select a sample to review and analyse
- 3. Check and analyze documents
- 4. Validate and get Supporting evidence





## **Bad Practices**



















































# **Good Practices**











