

# **Ethical Policy**

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### **Ethical Policy Statement**

#### Overview

It is Greenvale AP Ltd's aim to ensure that all workers who are directly employed by the Company or working within the supply chain to the Company are employed in conditions that meet or exceed the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) base code and the fundamental International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions

#### The company will achieve this by:-

- Providing the resources and training necessary for key personnel to implement the Company Ethical Policy and to develop their skills in the area of ethical trading.
- Ensuring senior management is involved in the implementation and management of the Company Ethical Policy.
- Providing all Greenvale employees with a confidential means of reporting violations of the ETI base code via the Company grievance procedure and/or whistleblowing facility.
- Taking part in third party ethical audits and acting upon recommendations arising from these audits.
- Seeking to source products, services and supplies from companies that observe, as a minimum, the standards of the ETI base code and fundamental ILO conventions.
- Encouraging suppliers who do not comply with the ETI base code to work towards compliance over an agreed time scale.
- Monitoring and recording the implementation of the of the Company Ethical Policy across the supply chain by self assessments, company inspections and third party inspections as appropriate.
- Communicating this policy to all suppliers, staff and sub contractors via Company notice boards, circulars and the internet.
- Monitoring changes to the ETI base code and other relevant legislation and communicating any changes to those personnel who may be affected.
- Reporting annually the progress of the implementation of this policy to customers and supply chain stakeholders.

#### **Corporate Social Responsibility**

Our Ethical Policy represents our dedication to doing business in the correct manner, improving our good reputation and developing strong business relationships.

To ensure all our potatoes come from responsible, ethical sources we adopt the following procedures:

- AB Membership of Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (SEDEX). As an AB member we require our entire supplier base to join SEDEX and complete a self-assessment.
- All of our own production sites post their self-assessment information on the SEDEX website and update every 6 months.
- All of our production sites undergo independent third party ethical audits every 2 years which are posted onto the SEDEX website.
- All our overseas suppliers are required to post their information on SEDEX.
- We utilise the SEDEX risk assessment tool to pinpoint and address areas of concern within our supply base.
- We only use labour agencies that are approved by the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and we also audit our labour suppliers.

• We have ethical standards which underpin the behaviours of everyone engaged by Greenvale.

## **Compliance and Monitoring / KPIs**

Listed below, identified monitoring to ensure compliance of ethical trading policy:

Audit/Details	Frequency / KPI	Responsibility
Review of SEDEX Self Assessment	Twice per year.	HR
Questionnaires for own sites.		
Review of third party ethical audits for own	Every 2 years – as per SEDEX	HR with sites
sites.	category.	
Review of first and second party ethical audits	As required.	Site
for own sites.		
Review of ethical strategies and KPIs.	Annually (Strategy)	Group Directors,
Review of SEDEX Self Assessment	SEDEX and grower	Technical /
Questionnaires/audits for suppliers.	compliance/management plan.	Group
	Growers -	
	100% SAQ completion	
	Reduce no. of medium risk	
	growers	
	Independently check a	
	proportion of SAQ's	
Track employee 60 hour working per working	Less than 60 hours worked per	HR to
week – as per ETI base code.	working week. If over, reason for	group/sites
	submitted and justified.	
Track employee consecutive working days – as	Workers shall be provided with at	HR to
per ETI base code.	least one day off in every seven	group/sites
	day period or, two days off in	
	every 14 day period.	
Labour providers are audited to ensure	Twice per year including worker	HR and/or
compliance with national requirements.	interviews and document checks.	accredited 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	There will be an annual audit over	party
	a minimum of 2 x 6 monthly visits.	
	Audits will be conducted by trained employees and/or	
	outsourced to an accredited 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	party.	
	GLAA 'active checks' will be carried	
	out monthly.	
Suppliers must meet with labour providers	Include as agenda item in	HR
formally at least 6 monthly to review	quarterly meetings with LP	
compliance with policy and demonstrate		
improvement plans.		
All employees receive ethical training	ETI communicated via	HR / sites
/overview.	policy/handbook and induction.	,
HR/ Managers to attend ethical training as	Stronger Together/ Modern	
required for position.	Slavery training attended by Mgrs.	
	and HR team (as per training	
	policy).	

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