Code of conduct for suppliers



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March 2018 Ref : QSE CC K 01-EN Kariban is committed to conducting business in accordance with the highest standard of business ethics and respect for human rights, and in compliance with all applicable laws. We have a responsibility towards all persons involved with the production of our products. We therefore require our suppliers, agents, distributors and other business partners to meet these high standards. While we recognise that different cultural, legal and ethical systems exist in the countries in which our products may be manufactured, this Code of Conduct sets forth certain basic requirements that all manufacturing facilities must satisfy.

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LEGAL COMPLIANCE

We require all manufacturing facilities to operate in compliance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations alongside this Code of Conduct and to apply that provision which offers the greater protection.

SOCIAL COMPLIANCE

Our suppliers must be in compliance with international human rights standards and international labour legislation.

Forced labour

The use of forced or compulsory, indentured, or bonded labour is prohibited.

Health and safety

Working conditions throughout all manufacturing facilities must be safe, hygienic and meet or exceed requirements of all local health and safety laws and regulations particularly those pertaining to building standards and emergency procedures. Workers must be adequately trained and equipped to perform their jobs safely and made aware of any industry specific hazards. Workers must have access to clean toilets and clean drinking water.

Freedom of association

We recognise and respect the rights of employees to freedom of association and collective bargaining and expect all our suppliers to do the same.

Discrimination

Discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions, discipline, termination or other terms and conditions of employment based on gender, age, religion, marital status, social status, personal beliefs or other legally protected criteria, is prohibited.

Child labour

No person shall be employed at an age younger than the age for completing compulsory schooling in the country of manufacture, or the age consistent with International Labour Organisation guidelines, whichever is greater. All our authorised facilities must observe all legal requirements for work of all employees, particularly those pertaining to hours of work, working conditions, worker health and worker safety.

Harassment or abuse

Corporal punishment or other forms of harassment, abuse or coercion, whether verbal, mental, physical or sexual, are strictly forbidden.

Wages and benefits

All facilities should ensure that employees be fairly compensated by providing wages, including overtime pay, and benefits that meet or exceed all applicable local laws and regulations. Wage levels and benefits should be regularly benchmarked against industry best practice and/or collective agreements and adjusted accordingly.

Working hours

All facilities should ensure set working hours comply with national laws or benchmark industry standard whichever offers the greater protection to worker health, safety and welfare. Ideally a standard working week will comprise 48 working hours excluding overtime. Overtime will be considered voluntary and will not exceed 12 hours in a working week. Workers will be entitled to a full working day off every 7 days.

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HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

We require that all suppliers comply with all local laws and regulations regarding environmental protection. In addition all facilities should work to minimise all waste and maximise recycling where possible, and to ensure proper storage and disposal of hazardous substances and promote best use of natural ressources. In order to protect the human health and the environment, our suppliers must be in accordance with REACH regulation.

ETHICS COMPLIANCE

Our suppliers are committed to conducting their activities without corruption. No bribe, no gift or illegal, direct or indirect, payment : no use of corruption to obtain or keep all competitive avantage in an international business transaction, as noted on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) regarding the Combating Bridery of Foreign Public Officials and the 'Foreign Corrupt Practices Act' (FCPA), US regulation with global application.

This Code of Conduct must be posted in a location accessible to all employees and visitors (in English and in the appropriate local language). As part of our ongoing sourcing strategy we will ensure the above points are checked during all supplier visits and audits. Our local agents and partners will conduct regular reviews of all points with our suppliers and report progress. To report suspected violations of this Code of Conduct, contact our company.

Chief executive