



# GLOBAL RESPONSIBLE SOURCING POLICY



## **I. PURPOSE**

At Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (“AB InBev”), our dream is to Create a Future with More Cheers, building a company to last on a foundation of responsible business practices, policies, and commitments.

We recognize the responsibility of the business community to respect human rights and embrace responsible workplace practices, sustainability, and business integrity, and we seek to promote these values with our suppliers and business partners.

This Global Responsible Sourcing Policy (“Policy”) outlines our approach and commitment to upholding human rights, labor standards, health and safety, environmental management, and business integrity across our global supply chain. AB InBev is committed to working with suppliers, vendors, agents, and contractors (“Business Partners”) that share these values and commit to complying with this Policy in their operations. We further expect our Business Partners to ensure that their employees, temporary and contract workers, and parties involved in their own supply chain for the purposes of providing goods or services to AB InBev comply with this Policy too.

We seek to work with our Business Partners to understand the challenges within our supply chain and work together to resolve any challenges.

## **II. POLICY**

### **A. Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

All Business Partners must comply with all applicable laws and regulations in the course of providing goods or services to AB InBev. Such applicable laws include not only the local or national laws in the countries which the Business Partners operate but could also include other laws that have extra-territorial application (such as those relating to foreign bribery, sanctions and export controls, data protection and competition laws).

In circumstances where there is a question as to whether this Policy can be followed in a lawful way, or where there might be a conflict between applicable laws or a legally recognized collective bargaining agreement and this Policy, Business Partners must seek exceptions or accommodations to this Policy, and such exceptions or accommodations may be agreed by the Ethics & Compliance team on a case-by-case basis. The Ethics & Compliance team, in consultation with the Corporate Affairs and Procurement teams, may in its discretion grant exceptions or



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accommodations to this Responsible Sourcing Policy for any other legitimate reasons.

Should this Policy set out more stringent standards than applicable laws, we expect our Suppliers to comply with this Policy to the fullest extent permitted under applicable laws, unless otherwise agreed expressly in writing.

## **B. Human Rights Principles**

*As a signatory to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact, we are committed to business practices that respect human rights that align with international standards of responsible business conduct and the principles and guidance contained in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. In addition, our commitments are further based on the International Bill of Human Rights (consisting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)<sup>1</sup>, the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (“ICCPR”)<sup>2</sup> and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (“ICESCR”)<sup>3</sup>, in addition to the International Labor Organization’s (“ILO”) Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work<sup>4</sup>, the Children’s Rights and Business Principles, and the UN Women’s Empowerment Principles.*

*The following human rights principles are those which AB InBev considers to be the most salient within our global value chain. In development of this Policy, AB InBev consulted with both internal and external stakeholders.*

### **1. Child Labor and Young People**

Business Partners must prohibit the improper or unlawful employment and exploitation of children within their operations and must not engage in or support the use of child labor as defined by the ILO, which is work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally harmful to children, or work that interferes with their schooling. This includes depriving children of the opportunity to attend school, obliging children to leave education prematurely or requiring them to combine school attendance with excessively long working hours. Business Partners should take reasonable steps to verify the age of job applicants and workers in its operations.

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1 <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/>

2 <http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/ccpr.aspx>



3 <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx>

4 <https://www.ilo.org/declaration/lang--en/index.html>

Young people under 18 should not be employed at night or in hazardous conditions and must not be involved in the manufacture, packaging, marketing, distribution or sale of alcohol products. We are aware that young people under 18 are entitled to work in certain defined and protected circumstances, such as government-approved apprenticeship programs. This is acceptable as long as it is conducted in line with the requirements of the ILO conventions and applicable national laws.

## **2. Forced Labor and Freedom of Movement**

Business Partners must prohibit all forms of forced or compulsory labor; all work must be conducted on a voluntary basis, and all workers must be allowed to freely withdraw from the employment relationship with reasonable notice.

The use of prison labor or indentured or bonded labor is strictly forbidden, and unless specifically required by applicable laws, workers must not be required to relinquish their identity papers, passports, ATM cards or work permits as a condition of employment.

Individual workers and jobseekers must not be charged or bear recruitment fees<sup>1</sup> or related costs payable to Business Partners or any third party working on behalf of the Business Partner. Workers must be free to leave the work premises.

Business Partners must also prohibit the trafficking of persons, including arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view to that person being exploited.

## **3. Freedom of Association**

Business Partners must respect the right of all workers to choose whether to form or join lawful trade unions and other organizations of their choice, and to bargain collectively in support of their mutual interests.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by the ILO, the terms “recruitment fees” refer to any fees or costs incurred in the recruitment process in order for workers to secure employment or placement, regardless of the manner, timing or location of their imposition or collection.



Business Partners must not discriminate against or harass in any way workers that choose to form or join trade unions, or against those workers that choose not to form or join trade unions. In those countries or situations in which the

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legal system prohibits or severely restricts the right of freedom of association, Business Partners should consider supporting, within the framework of applicable laws and regulations, the establishment of alternative means to facilitate the effective representation of workers' interests and communication between workers and management.

#### **4. Discrimination and Harassment**

We believe that there is no place for discrimination or harassment within our supply chain, and therefore we require Business Partners to prohibit all forms of discrimination and harassment within their own operations, including, but not limited to, race, religion, culture, gender, age, political opinion, national origin or extraction, social origin, disability, pregnancy and maternity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, union membership or any other illegal arbitrary means. Hiring and employment decisions, including those related to compensation, benefits, promotion, training, discipline, and termination, should be made solely on the basis of the skill, ability, and performance of workers. All forms of physical, verbal, and written harassment, including sexual harassment and intimidation, are prohibited. Business Partners must not engage in corporal punishment or take disciplinary-related deductions from workers' pay.

AB InBev prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment, as outlined in our Global Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy. AB InBev expects Business Partners to ensure that their representatives engaging with AB InBev colleagues are aware of our Anti-Discrimination and AntiHarassment Policy and that any cases of discrimination or harassment perpetrated by AB InBev representatives or representatives of Business Partners are reported through the AB InBev [Compliance Helpline](#).

#### **5. Working Hours and Compensation/Adequate Standard of Living**

Business Partners must respect the need for workers to have a balance between work and leisure. Working hours and overtime shall comply with applicable wage, work hours, overtime and benefits laws and regulations





and local labor agreements. If the employment contract allows for overtime, it must be on a voluntary basis and workers must expressly agree to it.

Business Partners should strive to provide workers with a pay and benefits package that supports an adequate standard of living. Wages and benefits shall be equal or superior to the applicable minimum legal and regulatory requirements, and compensation terms established by legally binding collective bargaining agreements must be implemented and adhered to. Business Partners must communicate employment terms and conditions before onboarding of workers. Workers must receive payment for work regularly, in full and on time, and should have access to a pay slip, explaining their wage and any deductions. Other than legally mandated deductions, all other deductions from wages must be made only with the express and written consent of the workers, and in compliance with applicable laws and international human rights standards.

Business Partners are encouraged to provide workers with opportunities to develop their skills and capabilities and, where possible, provide opportunities for advancement.

### **C. Workplace Safety and Health**

Business Partners must ensure high standards of occupational health and safety throughout their organizations and strive to prevent all accidents, injuries and occupational illnesses within their operations through management leadership and employee involvement.

Health and safety practices must, at minimum, comply with applicable laws. If such laws do not meet minimum standards under international best practice, the higher standard under international best practice must be applied.

Business partners should, at a minimum:

- Establish safety procedures and training programs for workers to ensure they are aware of workplace hazards;
- Assess, identify and control potential hazards and risks associated with equipment and processes;
- Track and monitor work related accident and injury rates, and corrective actions must be implemented for any incidents;



- Identify hazardous chemicals and ensure proper provisions are in place for handling and disposal according to applicable laws and best practices;
- Ensure policies, procedures and safeguards are in place to deal with any emergency situations which must include evacuation plans, fire detection systems and emergency exit doors, and proper training is provided;
- Provide protective equipment to workers in accordance with their job requirements and the goal of safe working conditions; and
- Ensure that worker accommodation is clean, safe and meet the basic needs of workers. Facilities must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the standards set by applicable laws and regulations and must be separated from any production area.

#### **D. Brand Promoters and Brand Ambassadors**

Brand Promoters and Brand Ambassadors are individuals who are compensated in return for informing customers and consumers about our brands or providing samples, serving, or selling our products at bars, clubs, restaurants or other on- or off-trade events. Business Partners providing Brand Promoters or Brand Ambassadors to AB InBev must commit to principles set out in our Responsible Marketing and Communications Code and any contractual requirements agreed with AB InBev. Business Partners providing Brand Promoters and Brand Ambassadors to AB InBev must be approved prior to providing such services.

#### **E. Security**

Business Partners should have in place measures to ensure workers, premises and equipment are secure. Any security measures in place must not harm the safety or security of local community members and other third parties or undermine respect for the human rights of workers and third parties.

Business Partners providing security services directly to AB InBev must ensure their personnel take all reasonable steps to avoid the use of force. If force is used, it shall be in a manner consistent with applicable laws and AB InBev security standards. In no case shall the use of force exceed what is strictly necessary. It should be proportionate to the threat and appropriate to the situation.



## F. Environment

Business Partners must observe all applicable laws and regulations concerning the environment and provide products and services in an environmentally responsible way through efficient use of natural resources. Business Partners should do this through integrating environmental management practices into operational and training systems.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, AB InBev requires Business Partners to have a focus in the following areas:

1. **Carbon:** Business Partners must commit to setting reduction targets in agreement with AB InBev and implement programs that support the achievement of those targets;
2. **Recycled content and rate:** Business Partners must commit to reducing the production of waste and implementing initiatives in partnership with AB InBev to measurably increase the recycled content used in products and/or the returnability of products; and
3. **Water:** Business Partners are required to set targets to reduce water use within their operations and develop plans to reduce water consumption in the overall value chain. Business Partners should identify high risk water sites and identify opportunities to partner strategically with AB InBev and implement initiatives with AB InBev.

Business Partners should report annual KPIs and certificates in relation to the above requirement using the designated platforms, as requested by AB InBev.

## G. Land Rights

Business Partners must follow all applicable national laws relating to the rights of land and national resources ensuring land acquisitions and changes of use are made respecting the rights of individuals and communities impacted. Business Partners must conduct due diligence around land rights and titles during the development of new business opportunities. Business Partners must seek free, prior and informed consent and have a grievance mechanism in place to resolve any disputes over land titles.





## **H. Business Integrity**

AB InBev expects its Business Partners to adhere to the highest standards of business integrity and ethics, including by avoiding bribery, corruption and facilitation payments and effectively managing conflicts of interest. Business Partners should comply with all other applicable international laws and regulations including economic sanctions, export controls, anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing, data protection and competition laws.

### **1. Bribery and Corruption**

AB InBev requires its Business Partners not to engage in corruption such as bribery or any form of improper or unlawful payment under any circumstances including financial fraud, money laundering, facilitation payments or extortion. Further information can be found in our Supplier AntiCorruption Policy, which outlines how we require our Business Partners to act to ensure that our high anti-corruption standards are continually achieved.

### **2. Conflict of Interest**

All and any conflict of interest in any business dealings with AB InBev, of which the Business Partner is aware or should have been aware, should be disclosed to AB InBev for proper management. Such conflicts of interest include, without limitation, any ownership or beneficial interest in a Business Partner by an AB InBev colleague or someone who has a close personal relationship with an AB InBev colleague.

### **3. International Trade Compliance**

AB InBev requires its Business Partners to comply with all applicable economic sanctions, export control, and anti-boycott laws, regulations, orders, directives, designations, licenses, and decisions. As such, Business Partners must implement effective internal controls to minimize the risk of breaching such laws, and to minimize the risk of causing AB InBev to breach such laws, particularly where their work involves international financial transfers or cross-border supply or purchase of products, technologies, or services.



AB InBev prohibits Business Partners from knowingly engaging or attempting to engage in any transaction involving proceeds derived from unlawful activity, or financing of terrorist acts and terrorist organizations.

Further, all Business Partners must conduct their business in compliance with applicable tax laws. Business Partners should not use any business relationship with AB InBev to facilitate tax evasion, and they should take appropriate steps to ensure that their employees, agents, partners and third parties that act for them do not facilitate tax evasion.

#### **4. Fair Competition**

AB InBev is committed to the principles of lawful and free competition based on the merits of our products and services. We abide by all applicable antitrust and competition laws in all countries in which we operate. Our expectation is that Business Partners have a similar level of commitment to fair competition.

#### **5. Digital Ethics**

AB InBev has policies and procedures in place to ensure data protection and ethical use of digital assets. Business Partners must comply with all applicable laws relating to data protection and privacy and must not (by any act or omission) put AB InBev in breach of them. Business Partners will notify AB InBev as soon as they become aware of any unauthorized access, theft, loss or damage, or any other breach of security, in relation to any personal data processed by them (or any of their agents, affiliates or subcontractors) on behalf of or disclosed to them by AB InBev. If a Business Partner processes personal data on behalf of AB InBev, it must notify AB InBev and agree that it will do so pursuant to such data processing terms as AB InBev may reasonably require.

#### **I. Confidentiality**

Any confidential information, trade secrets and intellectual property shared with our Business Partners must be appropriately managed and protected to ensure that confidentiality is maintained, and that information is not disclosed, lost, or compromised, regardless of whether a non-disclosure agreement is entered into. All Business Partners must protect our information and other information entrusted to us in accordance with good industry practice. If there has been any unauthorized disclosure, loss, or compromise of any such confidential information belonging to AB InBev, the Business Partner must notice such breach to AB InBev



as soon as practicable and use its best effort to mitigate any potential risks relating to the breach.

#### **J. Grievance Mechanisms and Transparency**

Business Partners must have systems in place to enable grievance reporting by workers and external individuals. The objective of any grievance mechanism should be to seek to understand allegations, mitigate any negative consequences, and provide some form of remediation, where appropriate. Business Partners should ensure that workers know how to use the grievance mechanism and explain the process for handling any issues that are raised. Issues should be dealt with in a timely manner.

If reasonably credible evidence of any issue is identified, via the grievance mechanism or otherwise, which indicates that a violation of this Policy (including any violation of the human rights principles outlined above) may have occurred, Business Partners must report the issue to AB InBev through AB InBev's [Compliance Helpline](#) as outlined in Section V – Reporting Misconduct below.

#### **K. Non-Retaliation**

Business Partners must prohibit retaliation against anyone who: raises in good faith any concerns or issues related to compliance with this Policy; formally or informally reports concerns to Business Partners or directly to AB InBev; assists another colleague in reporting actual or suspected violations of the Policy; or participates in investigations into possible violations of this Policy.

#### **L. Implementation and Training**

Acknowledgement of this Policy, and an agreement to abide by the standards set forth herein, is a pre-requisite in every AB InBev contract with a Business Partner. The Policy will be made available to Business Partners during the sourcing process and can be accessed on our website.

Our contracts with Business Partners include clauses designed to commit Business Partners to implementing this Policy. However, nothing in this Policy is meant to supersede any more specific provision in a particular contract, and to the extent there is any inconsistency between this Policy and any other provision of a particular contract, the other provision will control.



We engage with our Business Partners at an early stage in our procurement activities assessing their practices against this Policy using self-assessment questionnaires and third-party on-site audits. Where possible, AB InBev seeks to provide training and guidance for Business Partners to support the effective compliance with this Policy.

We expect our Business Partners to undertake the following steps:

1. Communicate this Policy to their workers to ensure they are familiar with the requirement of this Policy;
2. Provide training to their workers for effective compliance with this Policy;
3. Report any potential violation of this Policy to AB InBev promptly;
4. Cooperate in investigations and remedial actions at their own expense in connection with any potential violations of this Policy, including by granting proper access of information, regardless of whether such potential violations are reported by the Business Partner; and
5. If remediation is required, work with AB InBev to implement such remedial actions as required by AB InBev.

Business Partners must cascade the same principles in this Policy to its own supply chain. For selected Business Partners, AB InBev may request the mapping of the upstream supply chain to facilitate compliance assessments.

#### **M. Consequences for Violations**

If AB InBev has a reasonable suspicion that a Business Partner has violated the terms of this Policy, AB InBev may terminate or restrict its business relationship with the Business Partner. AB InBev may restrict its business relationship with the Business Partner by suspending the making or reimbursing any payments.

#### **N. Contact**

We look forward to working with you; if you have any queries regarding the principles set out within this Policy, please reach out to your AB InBev procurement contact.



### **III. APPLICABILITY**

This Policy applies to directors, officers, and to all full-time, part-time, and temporary employees of AB InBev (collectively, Employees). Whenever they are acting on the Company's behalf, contractors, agencies, and other third parties, including but not limited to community managers and influencers and Business Partners (collectively "Third Parties") are expected to comply with this Policy, in addition to all other policies and applicable laws and regulations.

### **IV. ADMINISTRATION**

The Policy is primarily the responsibility of the Chief Supply Officer. This Policy has been approved with oversight by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. AB InBev Procurement oversees implementation of this Policy. All questions regarding the interpretation and administration of the Policy should be directed to the Chief Legal and Corporate Affairs Officer.

### **V. REPORTING MISCONDUCT**

Employees and Third Parties are encouraged to report to the Company any activity or requested action that they believe to be, even potentially, in violation of applicable laws or this Policy. Such reports should be made to a line manager, to the Legal or Ethics & Compliance team, or to our confidential Compliance Helpline online at <http://talkopenly.ab-inbev.com/>, or by phone at a local number available on the website. The [Compliance Helpline](#) is available 24 hours and is toll-free. It is available to anyone, and reports can be made confidentially and anonymously. Alternatively, reports can be made to AB InBev's Legal team or Ethics & Compliance team. Business Partners' employees or other stakeholders may also report issues directly to AB InBev via the above channel.