Supplier Selection: Social Responsibility Considerations

Key activity: Social responsibility audit

Step-by-step approach to consider risk related to social responsibility during the supplier selection stage.

- Communicate social accountability expectations
- Ask new partners to complete a self-assessment against expectations
- Visit the factory for on-site review and observation
- Perform social responsibility audit
  • Perform pre-qualifying assessment of vendors
  • Collect all appropriate documentation
- Require factory to sign a code of conduct or agree to your vendor agreement outlining your expectations.
- Incorporate key parts of the social responsibility procedures checklist into the selection/vetting process.

Communicate your expectations and testing requirements with potential vendors during this stage. Clearly outline all expectations in the vendor agreements.

Intended for intermediate compliance programs