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Ethical Supply Chain Policy

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INTRODUCTION

Cardiff Metropolitan University is committed to ensuring those organisations in our supply chains adopt and apply appropriate social and environmentally responsible business practices. These appropriate practices can range from the driving out of corruption, exploitation, servitude, forced or compulsory labour, discrimination through to ensuring fair payments to producers, appropriate employment rights and conditions and avoiding pollution and minimising waste in production practices.

We must recognise that our suppliers - and potentially those who provide materials, goods and services to our suppliers - operate in a wide range of environments and cultures, and different industries and sectors will interpret these issues in different ways.

We also recognise that there are a number of independent organisations who are focussed on promoting ethical trading standards. These organisations, including for example Fair Trade Foundation, Rainforest Alliance, Home Workers Worldwide and the Ethical Trading Initiative, share many common objectives around ethical supply chains, but also have some distinguishing features or practices.

Cardiff Metropolitan University believes in supporting the founding principles that organisations such as these wish to promote. However, the University also recognises that, whilst evaluating suppliers against broad ethical requirements is very acceptable and appropriate, to stipulate any one of these organisations or their brand names as selection or award criteria in its tendering activity would be contrary to the anti-restrictive obligations as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Consequently, whilst the University has achieved and maintained 'Fair Trade University' accreditation, it has a separate Fair Trade policy that covers this accreditation requirement and is supplementary to this Ethical Supply Chains policy.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

Cardiff Metropolitan University therefore will seek to:

Research all tiers in its supply chains in all major commodities to the best of its ability.

Utilise this market knowledge to identify risks and opportunities and to utilise its procurement influence to promote ethical standards in these supply chains.

Where appropriate and lawful, include ethical trading factors in its supplier selection and contract award criteria, both in the University's own procurement and through collaborative procurement initiatives in which it participates.

Measure progress and achievements in driving improvements in ethical standards across all aspects of its supply chains including, but not limited to publishing actions and progress as required by the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

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