

# SMETA Corrective Action Plan Report (CAPR) Version 6.1





# Audit Content:

- (1) A SMETA audit was conducted which included some or all of Labour Standards, Health & Safety, Environment and Business Ethics. The SMETA Best Practice Version 6.1 (March 2019) was applied. The scope of workers included all types at the site e.g. direct employees, agency workers, workers employed by service providers and workers provided by other contractors. Any deviations from the SMETA Methodology are stated (with reasons for deviation) in the SMETA Declaration.
- (2) The audit scope was against the following reference documents

## 2-Pillar SMETA Audit

- ETI Base Code
- SMETA Additions
  - Universal rights covering UNGP
  - Management systems and code implementation,
  - Responsible Recruitment
  - Entitlement to Work & Immigration,
  - Sub-Contracting and Home working,

## **4-Pillar SMETA**

- 2-Pillar requirements plus
- Additional Pillar assessment of Environment
- Additional Pillar assessment of Business Ethics
- The Customer's Supplier Code (Appendix 1)
- (3) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
- (4) Any Non-Compliance against customer code shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between ETI code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.



# Guidance

The Corrective Action Plan Report summarises the site audit findings and a corrective, and preventative action plan that both the auditor and the site manager believe is reasonable to ensure conformity with the ETI Base Code, Local Laws and additional audited requirements. After the initial audit, the form is used to rerecord actions taken and to categorise the status of the non-compliances.

N.B. observations and good practice examples should be pointed out at the closing meeting as well as discussing non-compliances and corrective actions.

To ensure that good practice examples are highlighted to the supplier and to give a more 'balanced' audit a section to record these has been provided on the CAPR document (see following pages) which will remain with the supplier. They will be further confirmed on receipt of the audit report.

## Root cause (see column 4)

Root cause refers to the specific procedure or lack of procedure which caused the issue to arise. Before a corrective action can sustainably rectify the situation, it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

## See SMETA BPG Chapter 7 'Audit Execution' for more explanation of "root cause".

## Next Steps:

- 1. The site shall request, via Sedex, that the audit body upload the audit report, non-compliances, observations and good examples. If you have not already received instructions on how to do this then please visit the web site <u>www.sedexglobal.com</u>.
- 2. Sites shall action its non-compliances and document its progress via Sedex.
- 3. Once the site has effectively progressed through its actions then it shall request via Sedex that the audit body verify its actions. Please visit <u>www.sedexglobal.com</u> web site for information on how to do this.
- 4. The audit body shall verify corrective actions taken by the site by either a "Desk-Top" review process via Sedex or by Follow-up Audit (see point 5).
- 5. Some non-compliances that cannot be closed off by "Desk-Top" review may need to be closed off via a "1 Day Follow Up Audit" charged at normal fee rates. If this is the case, then the site will be notified after its submission of documentary evidence relating to that non-compliance. Any follow-up audit must take place within twelve months of the initial audit and the information from the initial audit must be available for sign off of corrective action.
- 6. For changes to wages and hours to be correctly verified it will normally require a follow up site visit. Auditors will generally require to see a minimum of two months wages and hours records, showing new rates in order to confirm changes (note some clients may ask for a longer period, if in doubt please check with the client).

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Audit Details						
Sedex Company Reference: (only available on Sedex System)	(only available on Sedex System)			ZS31(	0762197	
Business name (Company name):	BESLI TEKSTIL SAN	N TIC L	TD STI			
Site name:	BESLI TEKSTIL SAN	IAYI VI	E TICARET LI	MITED SIRKE	TI	
Site address:	OSMANGAZİ MAH. HADIMKÖY YOLU CAD. NO:66 ESENYURT İSTANBUL 34522 TR		Country:		TR	
Site contact and job title:	PASALI BESLI / FAC	CILITY	OWNER			
SMETA Audit Pillars:	Labour Standards		Health and Safety (plus Environment 2-Pillar)	Environ 4-pillar	ment	Business Ethics
Date of Audit:	2023-02-08	2023-02-08				

Audit Company Name:
Intertek Turkey

Audit Conducted By						
Affiliate Audit Company	N	Purchaser		Retailer		
Brand owner		NGO		Trade Union		
Multi-stakeholder			Combined Audit (select all that apply)			



Audit Parameters					
Time in and time out	Day 1				
	In	09:00			
	Out	17:00			
Audit type:	FULL_INITIAL				
Was the audit announced?	SEMI_ANNOUNCED				
Was the Sedex SAQ available for review?	Yes				
Any conflicting information SAQ/Pre-Audit Info to Audit findings?	it No				
Who signed and agreed CAPR	PASALI BESLI / FACILITY OWNER		ACILITY OWNER		
Is further information available	No				

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Audit attendance	Management	Worker Representatives		
	Senior management	Worker Committee representatives	Union representatives	
A: Present at the opening meeting?	Yes	Yes	No	
B: Present at the audit?	Yes	Yes	No	
C: Present at the closing meeting?	Yes	Yes	No	
Reason for absence at the opening meeting	There is no union in the facility.			
Reason for absence during the audit	There is no union in the facility.			
Reason for absence at the closing meeting	There is no union in the faci	lity.		



# Summary of Findings

Issue	Area of Non–Conformity		Number of issues			Findings
(please click on the issue title to go direct to the appropriate audit results by clause)	ETI	Local Law	NC	Obs	GE	
10B2 - Environment 2-pillar	10.B2.1	§1	1	0	0	NC - ZAF600019040
6 - Working hours are not excessive	6.1	§2	1	0	0	NC - ZAF600019041
0B - Management systems and code implementation	0.B.4	§3	1	0	0	NC - ZAF600019042
<u>3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic</u>	3.1 3.1 3.2	\$4 \$5 \$6	3	0	0	NC - ZAF600019043 NC - ZAF600019044 NC - ZAF600019045
5 - Living wages are paid			0	0	1	GE - ZAF600019046

## Local Law Issues

Issue	Description
§1	Regulation about the obligatory permits and licenses according to the Environment Law(29.04.2009) No: 27214, Article 4; facilities subject to environment permit or to environment permit and license are classified as below regarding to their impact to environment; 1- Facilities which have contaminating impact to environment at high level (Appendix 1) 2- Facilities which have contaminating impact to environment (Appendix 2) Facilities which listed at Appendix 1 or 2 are required to obtain environment permit or to environment permit or discussional discussion.
§2	In accordance with the Turkish Regulation on Working Hours Related to Labor Law, art 4 In general the duration of work shall be at the most 45 hours a week. This period shall be applied by dividing equally among the days of the week worked, unless the opposite is concluded. Daily working hours shall not be exceeded 11 hrs a day in any case.
§3	Regulation for facility opening and operating permit (10/8/2005), II. Section Art 6 (Changed first clause: 19/3/2007 – 2007/11882 K.) – It is not allowed that the facility are not opened and operated without "Opening and Operating Permit" that is taken from local authorities properly.
§4	In accordance with The Turkish Regulation for Occupational Health and Safety Method and Elements for Employees (15.05.2013), art 6, (1)The employer should provide the health and safety trainings which also include the topics in Appendix 1. (2)The employer should provide the training which includes the occupation, risks special to facility and protection measure before employee start the occupation. (3)Besides the training which includes the risk while changing the profession or workplace, changing the equipments used in the Occupation, application of the new technology (4)The training which is given according to Paragraph 1 should be renewed due to changing and newly appeared risks and if necessary, it should be repeated periodically. a-)At least once a year for facilities in very hazard class b-)At least twice a year for facilities in hazard class c-)At least three times a year for facilities in less hazard class (5)Additionally, training about the reasons for accident or occupational illness, protection methods and safely working methods should be given to employees who had occupational accident or occupational illness. (6) Training should be given to employees who could not work more than 6 months due to any reason before employee start the occupation again.

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§5	In accordance with Turkish Regulation about Occupational Health and Safety circumstances using work equipments (25/04/2013) No: 28628 Addition III - Related Matters for Maintenance, Repairs and Periodical Checks Art 2.2.3 Periodical check period and check criteria for lifting and transfer tools are stated on Table 2 provided that the criteria stated in Art 2.1.1 are reserved. Table 2 Equipment : Lift(Man lift, Goods Lift), Forklift, Transpallet, Lifting or transferring tools Check Period(Max): 1 year Art.1.9. In case when non-compliance points are detected in terms of occupational health and safety and operating of the work equipment is inappropriate if these points are not corrected; the work equipment shall not be used until these points are corrected.
§6	The Regulation On the Health and Safety Measures Taken for the Buildings and Additions (17.07.2013, No: 28710) Appendix-1 Minimum Health and Safety Requirements for Buildings and Additions Emergency Exit Routes and Doors 10 - a) All emergency exit routes and doors at workplaces are opened directly outside or a safety area and shall not be any obstacle in front of or behind them to avoid escaping. 10 - ç) All emergency exit doors are opened outward. Railing and revolving doors can not be used as emergency exits. 10 - d) There shall not be any obstacle that makes difficult to evacuate at emergency exit routes and doors, and on routes and exits which leading to emergency exit routes and doors. Emergency exit doors shall not be locked or conditioned by any material. 10 - e) All emergency exit routes and doors shall be marked properly in accordance with Regulation on Safety and Health Signs (date: 23/12/2003, No: 25325). Signs shall be placed at proper places and be permanent.

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## **Corrective Action Plan - Non Compliances**

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	Non-Compliance	Evidence
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	Non-Compliance	
Status	OPEN	
Reference	ZAF600019040	
Clause	10B2 - Environment 2–pillar	
Issue Title	598 - The site does not have all legally required permits for use and / or disposal of resources e.g. energy, water, air emissions, waste etc.	
Subcategory	General Environmental Permits, & Management systems	
New or carried over?	☑ New □ Carried Over	
Root cause	Training      System	
	Costs     Lack of workers	
	Other	
Root cause - Other		
Local law issue	Regulation about the obligatory permits and licenses according to the Environment Law(29.04.2009) No: 27214, Article 4; facilities subject to environment permit or to environment permit and license are classified as below regarding to their impact to environment; 1- Facilities which have contaminating impact to environment at high level (Appendix 1) 2- Facilities which have contaminating impact to environment (Appendix 2) Facilities which listed at Appendix 1 or 2 are required to obtain environment permit or to environment permit and license.	
ETI code	10.B2.1 - Suppliers must comply with the requirements of local and international laws and regulations including having necessary permits.	
Explanation to the non compliance	Firmada çevre izni veya kapsam dışı yazısı yoktur. / It was noted that there was no environmental permit or out of scope letter at the facility.	
Follow up method	□ Follow up audit	
Timescale	□ Immediate □ 30 days ☑ 60 days	
	□ 90 days □ 120 days □ 180 days	
	□ 365 days □ Other	
Actions	Firma çevre izni veya kapsam dışı yazısı sağlamalıdır. / Facility shall provide environmental permit or out of scope letter.	



	Non-Compliance	Evidence
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	Non-Compliance	
Status	OPEN	
Reference	ZAF600019041	
Clause	6 - Working hours are not excessive	
Issue Title	469 - Working hours exceed what is allowed by law or collective bargaining agreement - systemic	
Subcategory	Excessive hours	
New or carried over?	☑ New □ Carried Over	
Root cause	🗆 Training 🛛 System	
	Costs     Lack of workers	
	□ Other	
Root cause - Other		
Local law issue	In accordance with the Turkish Regulation on Working Hours Related to Labor Law, art 4 In general the duration of work shall be at the most 45 hours a week. This period shall be applied by dividing equally among the days of the week worked, unless the opposite is concluded. Daily working hours shall not be exceeded 11 hrs a day in any case.	
ETI code	6.1 - Working hours must comply with national laws, collective agreements, and the provisions of 6.2 to 6.6 below, whichever affords the greater protection for workers. Sub–clauses 6.2 to 6.6 are based on international labour standards.	
Explanation to the non compliance	İşletmede çalışanların günlük toplam (normal+fazla mesai) çalışma saatleri 11 saati aşmaktadır. Aralık 2022: 26 çalışandan 11'i max: 2 kez max: 12 saat/gün Ağustos 2022: 26 çalışandan 6'si max: 2 kez max: 12 saat/gün Nisan 2022 : 26 çalışandan 6'sı max: 1 kez max: 12 saat/gün, / It was noted that employees' daily total (regular+overtime) working hours exceeded 11 hours. December 2022: 11 out of 26 employees max: 2 times max: 12 hours/day August 2022: 6 out of 26 employees max: 2 times max: 12 hours/day April 2022: 6 out of 26 employees max: 1 time max: 12 hours/day,	
Follow up method	☑ Follow up audit □ Desktop audit	
Timescale	□ Immediate □ 30 days ☑ 60 days	
	□ 90 days □ 120 days □ 180 days	
	□ 365 days □ Other	
Actions	Çalışanların günlük toplam (normal+fazla mesai) çalışma saatleri 11 saat ile sınırlanmalıdır. / Employees' daily total (regular+overtime) working hours shall be limit to 11 hours.	

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	Non-Compliance	Evidence
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	Non-Compliance	
Status	OPEN	
Reference	ZAF600019042	
Clause	0B - Management systems and code implementation	
Issue Title	34 - Site is operating without all required in-date licences and permits (e.g. business / factory licence has expired)	
Subcategory	Site's licenses & Certifications	
New or carried over?	☑ New □ Carried Over	
Root cause	🗆 Training 🛛 System	
	Costs     Lack of workers	
	Other	
Root cause - Other		
Local law issue	Regulation for facility opening and operating permit ( 10/8/2005), II. Section Art 6 (Changed first clause: 19/3/2007 – 2007/11882 K.) – It is not allowed that the facility are not opened and operated without "Opening and Operating Permit" that is taken from local authorities properly.	
ETI code	0.B.4 - Suppliers are expected to be operating legally in premises with the correct business licenses and permissions and to have systems to ensure that all relevant land rights have been complied with.	
Explanation to the non compliance	İşletmenin işyeri açma ve çalışma ruhsatının görülemediği not edildi. (Başvuru formu görülmüştür.) / It was noted that the opening and operating permit work could not be seen. (Application form has been seen.) /	
Follow up method	Follow up audit     Desktop audit	
Timescale	□ Immediate □ 30 days □ 60 days	
	☑ 90 days □ 120 days □ 180 days	
	□ 365 days □ Other	
Actions	İşyeri açma ve çalışma ruhsatı sağlanmalıdır. / Opening and operating permit shall be provided.	

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	Non-Compliance		Evidence
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	Non-Compliance		
Status	CLOSED		
Reference	ZAF600019043		
Clause	3 - Working conditions are safe and h	iygienic	
Issue Title	161 - No / inadequate health and safe provided to workers in relation to proc cause serious injury or death - system	cesses which may	
Subcategory	Health & Safety Training		
New or carried over?	☑ New  □ Carr	ied Over	
Resolved by audit	ZAA600003506		
Root cause	□ Training	em	
	🗆 Costs 🛛 🗆 Lack	c of workers	
	□ Other		
Root cause - Other			
Local law issue	In accordance with The Turkish Regu Occupational Health and Safety Meth for Employees (15.05.2013), art 6, (1 should provide the health and safety also include the topics in Appendix 1. should provide the training which incl occupation, risks special to facility an measure before employee start the o (3)Besides the training which includes changing the profession or workplace equipments used in the Occupation, a new technology (4)The training which to Paragraph 1 should be renewed du newly appeared risks and if necessar repeated periodically. a-)At least once facilities in hazard class c-)At least th for facilities in less hazard class (5)Ac about the reasons for accident or occ protection methods and safely workin be given to employees who had occu or occupational illness. (6) Training s employees who could not work more to any reason before employee start the again.	and Elements The employer trainings which (2)The employer udes the d protection ccupation. s the risk while application of the is given according ue to changing and y, it should be e a year for ast twice a year for ree times a year dditionally, training upational accident should be given to than 6 months due	
ETI code	3.2 - Workers shall receive regular ar & Safety training, and such training sl new or reassigned workers.		
Explanation to the non compliance	İşletmede temel sağlık konularına dai verilmediği görülmüştür. / It was note basic health issues was not provided	d that training on	

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Follow up method	Follow up au	ıdit ⊡ De	esktop audit
Timescale	□ Immediate	⊠ 30 days	□ 60 days
	□ 90 days	🗆 120 days	🗆 180 days
	□ 365 days	□ Other	
Actions	Tüm çalışanlara temel sağlık konuları eğitimlerinin verilmesi sağlanmalıdır. / All employees should be provided with basic health education training.		
Additional comments	Tüm çalışanlara temel sağlık eğitimi verilmiştir. / Basic health training is provided to all workers. 1.DESKTOP INCELEMESI: 14.04.2023 İşletmede temel sağlık konularına dair eğitimin verildiği görülmüştür. Bulgu kapanmıştır// 1.DESKTOP REVIEW: 14.04.2023 It has been observed that training on basic health issues is given in the facility. Finding is closed.		

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	Non-Compliance	
Status	CLOSED	
Reference	ZAF600019044	
Clause	3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic	
Issue Title	267 - No / inadequate certificates for inspections of machinery, or machines not registered as required by law	
Subcategory	Machinery	
New or carried over?	☑ New □ Carried Over	
Resolved by audit	ZAA600003506	
Root cause	Training      System	
	Costs     Lack of workers	
	Other	
Root cause - Other		
Local law issue	In accordance with Turkish Regulation about Occupational Health and Safety circumstances using work equipments (25/04/2013) No: 28628 Addition III - Related Matters for Maintenance, Repairs and Periodical Checks Art 2.2.3 Periodical check period and check criteria for lifting and transfer tools are stated on Table 2 provided that the criteria stated in Art 2.1.1 are reserved. Table 2 Equipment : Lift(Man lift, Goods Lift), Forklift, Transpallet, Lifting or transferring tools Check Period(Max): 1 year Art.1.9. In case when non- compliance points are detected in terms of occupational health and safety and operating of the work equipment is inappropriate if these points are not corrected; the work equipment shall not be used until these points are corrected.	
ETI code	3.1 - A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.	
Explanation to the non compliance	İşletmede bulunan 1 yük ve 1 insan asansörüne ait periyodik muayene raporları görülememiştir./ It was noted that the periodic inspection reports of 1 freight and 1 human elevator in the facility could not be seen.	
Follow up method	Follow up audit     Desktop audit	
Timescale	□ Immediate □ 30 days □ 60 days	

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	□ 90 days □ 365 days	□ 120 days □ Other	🗆 180 days		
Actions	sağlanmalıdır. /	uygun fenni muaye The appropriate pe provided for eleva	priodical inspection		
Additional comments	yaptırılmıştır. / F freight lift and 1 1.MASAUSTU I İşletmede 1 yük muayenelerinin 1. DESKTOP RI It has been obse	human elevator. NCELEMESI: 14.0/ ve 1 Insan asansö yapıldığı görülmüşi EVIEW: 14.04.2023	ns were made for 1 4.2023 rünün fenni ;ür.// 3 nical inspections of <sup>-</sup>	1	

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	Non-Comp	liance	Evidence	
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	Non-Comp	liance		
Status	CLOSED			
Reference	ZAF600019045			
Clause	3 - Working conditior	ns are safe and hygienic		
Issue Title	203 - Fire exits are ir location, etc.	nadequate by design/construction,		
Subcategory	Fire Safety - Fire exit	ts		
New or carried over?	☑ New	Carried Over		
Resolved by audit	ZAA600003506			
Root cause	Training	☑ System		
	🗆 Costs	Lack of workers		
	□ Other			
Root cause - Other				
Local law issue	Taken for the Buildin 28710) Appendix-1 M Requirements for Bu Exit Routes and Doo routes and doors at w outside or a safety an front of or behind the emergency exit door easily by employees are opened outward. not be used as emer be any obstacle that emergency exit route exits which leading to Emergency exit door by any material. 10 - doors shall be marke Regulation on Safety 23/12/2003, No: 253 places and be perma			
ETI code	provided, bearing in the industry and of a steps shall be taken health arising out of, course of work, by m	enic working environment shall be mind the prevailing knowledge of ny specific hazards. Adequate to prevent accidents and injury to associated with, or occurring in the inimising, so far as is reasonably es of hazards inherent in the		
Explanation to the non compliance	rotasının mevcut oldu kapısından 1'inin içe	aha turunda, 2 adet acil çıkış uğu görülmüştür. 2 adet acil çıkış riye doğru açıldığı ve öncesinde duğu tespit edilmiştir. / It was		

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observed that there are 2 emergency exit routes. I	twas
noted that 1 of the 2 emergency exit doors opened inwards and there was a sliding door before it duri field tour made from the facility.	1 I
Follow up methodImage: Follow up auditImage: Desktop audit	
Timescale     □ Immediate     ☑ 30 days     □ 60 days	
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□ 365 days □ Other	
Actions Acil çıkış kapılarının dışarıya açılması sağlanmalıc Facility shall provide that all emergency exit doors opening outward.	
Additional commentsSensörlü ve içe açılan kapı olan acil çıkış kapısı ip edilmiştir. Tüm tahliye haritaları ve yönlendirmeler göre düzenlenmiştir. Firmada 2 adet acil kaçış rot bulunmaktadır. (1 yangın merdivenler). Z binanın tarafına direkt dışarı açılan merdivenler). Kat planı ve iptal edilen kapının fotoğrafını ekte görebilirsiniz alan artık acil kaçış rotası olarak kullanılmamaktadır. / The emergency exit door, which has a sensor and 	buna ası yan arını z. İlgili lır. fire e of photo s no

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## **Corrective Action Plan - Good Examples**

	Good Example	Evidence
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	Good Example	
Status	OPEN	
Reference	ZAF600019046	
Clause	5 - Living wages are paid	
Issue Title	429 - Company provides a range of additional benefits, including: free medical care on-site, holiday and other bonuses, free library, food subsidy, free transport	
Subcategory	Benefits & Insurance	
New or carried over?	☑ New □ Carried Over	
Explanation to the good example	Yemek ve ulaşım çalışanlara ücretsiz sağlanmaktadır. / Meal and transportation services are provided free of charge to employees.	
Evidence	Çalışan görüşmeleri & Döküman incelemesi / Employee Interview % Document Review	





## **SMETA Declaration**

I declare that the audit underpinning the following report was conducted in accordance with SMETA Best Practice Guidance and SMETA Measurement Criteria.

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Auditor Team			
Lead Auditor:	CEREN AKKURT	APSCA Number:	21704506
Additional Auditors:	EMRE AKDEMIR		
Date of declaration:	2023-04-06		

Note: The focus of this ethical audit is on the ETI Base Code and local law. The additional elements will not be audited in such depth or scope, but the audit process will still highlight any specific issues.

Site Representation		
Full Name:	PASALI BESLI	
Title:	FACILITY OWNER	
Date of declaration:	2023-04-06	
Comments:		



## Guidance on Root Cause

## Explanation of the Root Cause Column

If a non-compliance is to be rectified by a corrective action which will also prevent the noncompliance re-occurring, it is necessary to consider whether a system change is required.

Understanding the root cause of the non-compliance is essential if a site is to prevent the issue reoccurring.

The root cause refers to the specific activity/ procedure or lack of activity /procedure which caused the non-compliance to arise. Before a corrective action can rectify the situation, it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

Since this is a new addition, it is not a mandatory requirement to complete this column at this time. We hope to encourage auditors and sites to think about Root Causes and where they are able to agree, this column may be used to describe their discussion.

## Some examples of finding a "root cause"

Example 1

Where excessive hours have been noted the real reason for these needs to be understood, whether due to production planning, bottle necks in the operation, insufficient training of operators, delays in receiving trims, etc.

#### Example 2

A non-compliance may be found where workers are not using PPE that has been provided to them. This could be the result of insufficient training for workers to understand the need for its use; a lack of follow-up by supervisors aligned to a proper set of factory rules or the fact that workers feel their productivity (and thus potential earnings) is affected by use of items such as metal gloves.

#### Example 3

A site uses fines to control unacceptable behaviour of workers.

International standards (and often local laws) may require that workers should not be fined for disciplinary reasons.

It may be difficult to stop fines immediately as the site rules may have been in place for some time, but to prevent the non-compliance re- occurring it will be necessary to make a system change.

The symptom is fines, but the root cause is a management system which may break the law. To prevent the problem re-occurring it will be necessary to make a system change for example the site could consider a system which rewards for good behaviour

Only by understanding the underlying cause can effective corrective actions be taken to ensure continuous compliance.

The site is encouraged to complete this section so as to indicate their understanding of the issues raised and the actions to be taken.







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