

Social Responsibility Verification Under SMETA (SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit)



In the past, raw materials, handcrafted products and groceries were primarily sold based on quality or price. But consumer behaviors have changed: Today, critical consumers expect people and the environment to be considered and protected in the course of extraction, production or manufacture in the respective countries. Most brand manufacturers or trading companies explicitly choose suppliers based on social compliance Verification. Social responsibility is becoming increasingly important and may decide your company's future success.

SEDEX is a non-profit membership organization that enables buyers and suppliers to make extensive improvements regarding responsible and ethical business practices in global supply chains. SMETA is based on the Ethical Trading Initiative Base Code and respective local laws as supervisory standards and can be applied – in conjunction with other regulations – in compliance with ILO (International Labor Organization) conventions. This includes various social audits (e.g., BSCI, WRAP, SA8000 and ICTI) which are uploaded to the SEDEX platform after Verification is obtained. As a SEDEX member, you can choose the most beneficial audit for your company.

Our service offers a proven method for social audits and their reporting. This includes an on-site audit at the client's location, an audit and results report and final publication on the SEDEX platform.

Verification Target Groups

SMETA certificates are suitable for all types of company or organization, irrespective of size, geographic location or industry. Your company only has to be a supplier to a SEDEX member. SMETA is ideal for suppliers who want to audit multiple clients. Various client requirements are met simultaneously while avoiding time and cost-intensive repeats of ethical audits.



Verification Benefits

SMETA audits are recognized by all SEDEX members. Verification verifiably documents companies' permanent commitment to reliable and fair working conditions and to continuously improving their management system. This not only improves companies' risk management and image, but also their competitiveness on the global market. Improved social compliance also increases employee satisfaction which usually results in greater productivity.

Verification Requirements

After registering on Sedex Advance, suppliers must complete the SEDEX Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ). Comparing supplier and client information allows potential problem areas to be recognized in advance and eliminated before the audit.

So-called SMETA audits are performed based on the following audit pillars (*2-pillar audit*):

- Work standards
- Health and safety

General rights, including the UN Guiding Principles, management systems, work permits or subcontracting, working from home or the environment may be included optionally (in shortened form) as additional elements. *4-pillar audits* additionally include:

- Environmental audits (expanded)
- Business ethics

We can inform you about the individual phases and their implementation in person. Please send us your reply by email. We look forward to meeting you.

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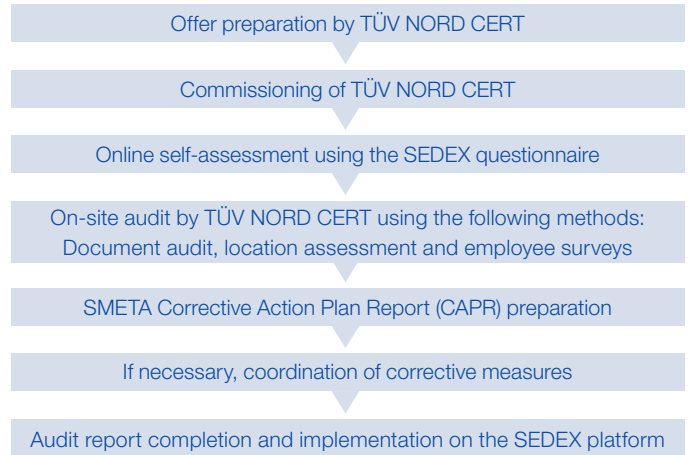
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