Social and Labor Convergence Program (SLCP) – Resource-saving data verification in the textile industry

One, instead of many. The Social and Labour Convergence Program (SLCP) is replacing a range of single social audits with verification of data using a single unified assessment framework. This saves companies and stakeholders valuable resources and provides high-quality data on working conditions within global supply chains.

For many organizations in the shoe and textile industry, one audit follows immediately on the heels of another – and often the same data is measured several times. Considerable time and money are spent, and the resulting data can be difficult to compare in a meaningful way.

With the Social and Labor Convergence Program, you can replace multiple social audits with one-stop data verification. Time and money are saved, and high-quality, comparable data created. The process involves self-assessment and on-site verification by accredited auditors based on the "Converged Assessment Framework (CAF)".

What is the Social and Labour Convergence Program?

The Social and Labor Convergence Program is based on a multi-stakeholder initiative that introduced the Converged Assessment Framework (CAF) in 2018. This is intended to replace leading social audit programs with one verification process and support stakeholders in improving working conditions within global supply chains.

What are the benefits of the SLCP from the company point of view?

The SLCP offers several important benefits:

- **Resource saving:** You save time, work and financial resources through the use of one single assessment instead of many different social audits.
- **High-quality data:** The Converged Assessment Framework includes (almost) all the items covered in other verification and audit programs and bundles various checks into one efficient process.
- **Comparability:** You obtain meaningful and verified data that can be compared across different countries, regions and levels.
- **Flexibility:** You remain the owner of the data that is collected and you can decide how to evaluate it and which stakeholders you want to share it with. Depending on your needs, you can also add your own evaluation or interpretation to the data.

How SLCP verification works

Data verification under the SLCP scheme consists of four parts:

1

You select an accredited host.

2

You complete the self-assessment using the CAF data collection tool.

3

An SLCP approved assessor verifies your data remotely and on-site (and corrects it if necessary).

4

You can share the verified dataset through the SLCP gateway and a network of accredited host platforms.

What is the target group for the SLCP?

The SLCP and the Converged Assessment Framework are aimed specifically at companies and stakeholders in the textile and footwear industries.

They enable assessment of working conditions in production plants within a resource-saving procedure, resulting in high-quality data for the optimization of work processes.

⚠ **Please note: SLCP is not a standard and therefore certification is not possible. Instead, you get a verified dataset that you can use and interpret according to your own requirements and goals.**

⚠ **Please note:** You will receive a summary of the verification results 10 calendar days after the on-site assessment. You then have 14 calendar days to accept or reject the accredited host's assessment.

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