

Code of Conduct for Suppliers of Messer

At Messer, we are committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations, to upholding human rights and labor standards and to protecting the environment – in our own operations as well as in relation to our business partners. Messer also supports the principles of the United Nations Global Compact. We expect our suppliers to share this commitment. This Supplier Code of Conduct defines the basic requirements to meet our standards.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Comply with all applicable laws and regulations on occupational health and working safety.
- Commit to continuous improvements of occupational health and safety.
- Use or set up a reasonable occupational health and safety management system.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND LABOR STANDARDS

- Working time: Comply with the applicable law and sector-specific labor regulations concerning working time, including overtime laws.
- Wages and benefits: Provide wages and benefits as prescribed by the respective national laws, including minimum wage legislation, and in line with existing practice in the industry and local labor markets.
- Non-discrimination and fairness: Apply the principles of equal opportunity and fair treatment. Non-tolerance of any form of discrimination or verbal or physical harassment of employees regardless of age, race, color, creed, marital status, sex or gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), gender identity or expression (including transgender status), national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, physical and mental disability, religion, sexual orientation, military service and veteran status, protected medical condition as defined by applicable state or local law, genetic information, and other characteristics that make someone unique.
- Freedom of association and collective bargaining: Recognize, as far as legally permitted, the right of free association and collective bargaining of employees.
- No forced labor: Non-tolerance of any form of forced labor, including forced prison labor, indentured labor, bonded labor, slave labor or any form of human trafficking
- No child labor: Comply with minimum working age requirements prescribed by national laws and international agreements.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND INTEGRITY

Comply with all applicable laws and regulations, in particular:

- Prohibition of corruption and bribery: Do not engage in or tolerate any form of corruption or bribery, in particular any payment, “kickback” or other form of benefit conferred for the purpose of influencing decision making.
- Competition and antitrust: Conduct business in compliance with all applicable competition/antitrust laws and regulations.
- Conflict of interest: Avoid all conflicts of interest or situations giving the appearance of a potential conflict of interest in business dealings with Messer or third parties.
- Confidentiality: Keep Messer’s business, financial and technical data as well as business correspondence confidential; do not misappropriate Messer’s or other companies’ tangible or intellectual property.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Comply with all applicable laws and regulations and international standards relating to the protection and preservation of the environment.
- Commit to continuous improvements of environmental protection.
- Use or set up a reasonable environmental management system.

SUPPLY CHAIN

- Undertake reasonable efforts to encourage your own suppliers and sub-contractors to comply with the principles of this Supplier Code of Conduct.

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