



# Ethical Leadership

Modern Slavery Act and  
Transparency in Global  
Supply Chains

## Introduction

The introduction of the Modern Slavery Act presents risks and opportunities for businesses operating in the UK. In a global economy where corporate reputation and ethical standing can significantly impact a company's performance, demonstrating a pro-active interest in the wellbeing of workers is a vital part of any commercial organisation's success.

Under the new Act, certain businesses must prepare and publish a slavery and human trafficking statement every year. Suppliers to those businesses are likely to be indirectly impacted by the requirements. The statement must demonstrate the steps the organisation has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in the business or its supply chains both in the UK and globally. The legislation requires board level sign off and the publishing of the statement with a link from the home page of your website. While providing a statement is a simple communications task, an ethical company will want to undertake a thorough consideration of the implications, identify risk and take remedial action.

## How Fieldfisher can help

Fieldfisher is joining forces with ethical sourcing policy and procurement specialists to provide a uniquely comprehensive service to help our clients ensure compliance with the Act.

Our service addresses all of the principles envisioned by the Act, which are required to ensure protection of corporate reputation, namely:

- Board level briefs and scoping exercises
- Organisation and supply chain mapping to identify risk and set priorities
- Auditing of operational units and suppliers
- Due diligence of principal suppliers
- Review of existing audit outputs
- Enhanced auditing of staff provisioning
- Staff training to embed ongoing compliance

## What we deliver

**A cost effective solution** to ensure your business and supply chain working practices are ethical, sustainable and compliant with the Modern Slavery Act.

**Powerful insights** about how your organisation can minimise risks and maximise opportunities to protect and strengthen your reputation and brand around this new legislation.

**A clear set of actionable recommendations**, utilising the depth of knowledge and experience from our legal, ethical and procurement specialists.

**Part of Fieldfisher's wider ethical  
business programme**

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