



ANTI-SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Introduction

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui") has produced this Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2023 ("FY Mar/2023"), in response to Section 54 of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

2. Our Organization

Mitsui is a company incorporated under the laws of Japan, having its head office in Tokyo. We operate through 128 offices and overseas trading affiliates located throughout 63 countries and regions globally. As of 31 March 2023, on a consolidated basis, we have 513 affiliated companies for consolidation and 46,811 employees worldwide.

For more information on our organization, please refer to our websites below.

Corporate Profile:

<https://www.mitsui.com/jp/en/company/outline/profile/index.html>

Organizational Structure:

<https://www.mitsui.com/jp/en/company/outline/organization/index.html>

3. Our Business

Mitsui conducts diverse business activities around the globe, delivering solutions, services and products to our partners and customers in the following business areas: Mineral & Metal Resources, Machinery & Infrastructure, Chemicals, Iron & Steel Products, Energy, Lifestyle, and Innovation & Corporate Development.

For more information on Mitsui's business activities, please refer to our website below.

Our Business:

<https://www.mitsui.com/jp/en/company/business/index.html>

4. Our Supply Chains

Mitsui provides a wide range of functions and services, such as marketing, business development, project management, logistics, finance, risk management and digital

transformation. Therefore, we are active at almost all stages of our supply chains, from upstream to downstream.

In the fiscal year ended 31 March 2020, we identified high risk business areas through our human rights risk mapping process, together with advice from and consultation with independent experts. Our business operations and supply chains mainly related to food, textiles, building materials and mining industry were identified as presenting high risk for slavery and human trafficking. Our assessment was based on leading international human rights risk indicators and other tools such as the "[List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#)" of Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) and "[Global Map of Environmental and Social Risks in Agro-Commodity Production](#)" of International Finance Corporation (IFC), placing emphasis on the core labor standards identified by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

5. Our Policies and Guidelines

- "[Sustainability Policy](#)"
Formulated in November 2021, this policy sets out our group-wide basic approach to sustainability. It includes our commitment to regard sustainability initiatives as important management issues and to take on the challenge of addressing global issues and contributing to the realization of a sustainable society and economic growth at the same time through our business activities.
- "[Human Rights Policy](#)"
Formulated in August 2020 and revised in February 2022, this policy sets out our group-wide approach to human rights. It includes our commitment to operate our business with respect for human rights and our expectations for various stakeholders to understand and respect human rights in the manner specified therein.
- "[Business Conduct Guidelines for Employees and Officers](#)" and "[Mitsui & Co. Group Conduct Guidelines -With Integrity](#)"
Both sets of corporate guidelines include requirements for employees to respect human rights and not to engage in discrimination of any kind. It also states that employees shall prevent human rights violations and collaborate with suppliers to ensure that they do not contribute to human rights violations, such as child labor or forced labor.
- "[Sustainable Supply Chain Policy](#)"
Our former Supply Chain Corporate Social Responsibility Policy was updated and renamed as our Sustainable Supply Chain Policy in August 2020 to mainly reflect our Human Rights Policy and revised in February 2022. This policy sets out our expectations of our suppliers

to respect human rights, including not to tolerate forced labor, bonded labor, human trafficking, child labor or any other form of modern slavery.

- [“Procurement Policies for Specific Commodities”](#) (natural rubber, palm oil, timber and paper products)

Formulated in July 2021 and revised in February 2022, these policies set out our group-wide approach to social risks such as violations of worker’s rights and human rights of local communities as well as environmental risks such as deforestation for the procurement of natural rubber, palm oil, timber and paper products. They include our commitment to “no deforestation” and “no exploitation” for the procurement of natural rubber, palm oil, timber and paper products. They also set out our expectations for our suppliers to respect human rights and cultures of indigenous people. In accordance with these procurement policies, we ask our suppliers to comply with all applicable laws and regulations as well as to respect relevant international standards such as [the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#), [the Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries \(ILO Convention: C169\)](#), and [the principle of “free, prior and informed consent \(FPIC\)](#).

- [Respecting Internationally Recognized Human Rights Standards](#)

We are committed to respect human rights as contained, at a minimum, in the International Bill of Human Rights and the International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. We also endorse the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact and conduct our business activities in line with these principles.

For more information on our efforts to respect human rights, please refer to [“Human Rights”](#).

6. Our Approach

- [New business investments](#)

New business investment projects are subject to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) impact assessments, using our ESG due diligence checklists that consider environmental and societal risks based on international standards. These assessments cover aspects such as human rights, pollution prevention, climate change, ecosystems and water stress.

- Supply Chain Management

- Supplier Communication Forms

When commencing business with a new supplier, Mitsui, its domestic and overseas offices, its overseas trading affiliates, and its domestic and overseas consolidated subsidiaries send formal written communications requesting such supplier to understand and cooperate to comply with our Sustainable Supply Chain Policy. In addition, we conduct an internal investigation every year, to verify that such communications were duly dispatched to all new suppliers.

- Supplier Questionnaire Surveys

Mitsui regularly conducts questionnaire surveys on selected major suppliers who handle products in high-risk business domains. As part of our human rights due diligence process, these surveys are conducted to confirm the status of their adherence to our Sustainable Supply Chain Policy. We also assess whether such suppliers maintain their own policies and measures on human rights and environmental aspects. In FY Mar/2023, we conducted questionnaire surveys on 2,497 suppliers. We will continue to prioritize our questionnaire survey on major suppliers handling high risk products.

- Supplier Surveys

Mitsui conducts face-to-face interviews with suppliers' management and employees, including persons in charge of health, safety and environment (HSE) and on-site inspections of suppliers' facilities together with an external expert, using a checklist for compliance with our Sustainable Supply Chain Policy. We provide advice and guidance to those inspected suppliers when needed. In FY Mar/2023, we visited 3 suppliers for interview and found no violations of our Sustainable Supply Chain Policy for two of them. One supplier had been identified by overseas authorities as having human rights issues, and we requested the supplier to take corrective action and engaged their corrective action plan in the interview. After that we confirmed that they took corrective action accordingly and the citations from authorities have since been withdrawn. We will continue to engage in dialogue on human rights initiatives going forward.

For more information on our supply chain management, please refer to "[Supply Chain Management](#)"

- Whistleblowing System

We maintain a whistleblowing framework, which has been put in place to encourage staff to report any suspicions they may have, including human rights violations. So that the system functions effectively, we make sure that no retaliation or detrimental treatment occurs against whistleblowers.

For more information on our approach to compliance, please refer to "[Compliance & Integrity](#)"

- Internal Audits

Internal audits, performed on business divisions as well as corporate staff divisions of Mitsui, its domestic and overseas offices, its overseas trading affiliates, and its domestic and overseas affiliated companies, also include assessments of ESG aspects such as respect for human rights.

- Training and Capacity Building

Staff awareness is a key measure in preventing modern slavery and human trafficking. In order to enhance awareness of human rights and labor related issues in our global supply chains, we hold employee awareness-raising seminars and activities regularly. In May 2022 we have prepared a "[Sustainable Supply Chain Management Handbook](#)", and in June 2022 we invited external expert to hold an online seminar for suppliers of Mitsui and consolidated subsidiaries, along with employees of Mitsui and consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and overseas, and approximately 450 employees participated. The seminars were aimed at enhancing their awareness of human rights issues relating to their business and the importance of realizing sustainable supply chains.

The Board of Directors of Mitsui approved this statement on 14 September 2023.



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