AUDIT, ASSESS, ACT: **TACKLING MODERN SLAVERY IN EVERY SUPPLY CHAIN**

OUR MODERN SLAVERY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A holistic approach to help you uncover hidden risks of modern slavery in your supply chain

The Australian Government is taking a global leadership role in combating modern slavery. Modern slavery is defined by a range of practices that include human trafficking, servitude, forced labour, debt bondage, deceptive recruiting, slavery and the worst forms of child labour. It can occur in every industry and sector.

Australian Government Attorney-General's Department (2018)

ARE YOU READY TO REPORT YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN'S MODERN SLAVERY RISKS?

Both globalisation and digitalisation have created complex supply chains that stretch across products, services, labour flows and borders – shaping every aspect of our daily lives. With this reach comes responsibility: **is your supply chain at risk of Modern Slavery?**

In Australia, the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act 2018 mandates companies with annual consolidated revenue of at least $100 million to publish a modern slavery statement. One of the key reporting expectations is the implementation of rigorous due diligence and remediation processes. Following the recent statutory review, reporting requirements will be strengthened with more detailed mandatory disclosures and the introduction of civil penalties for non-compliance.

Addressing modern slavery goes beyond humanitarian impact – it is a hallmark of organisations that lead with integrity, promote ethical business practices and drive positive change in global commerce. By taking action to combat modern slavery in their supply chains, organisations build trust, demonstrate real values and create a powerful competitive edge.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

There are key benefits of designing and implementing a robust supply chain risk management process within your supply chain:

- Greater visibility of your supply chain ESG risks and performance
- Demonstrated commitment to a transparent ethical supply chain
- Continuous improvement to endorse better practice
- Lower risks of reputational, legal and financial damage
- Ensured compliance with updated Modern Slavery legislation
- Increased stakeholder trust and investor confidence

We are here to support you at every step of your journey. Depending on your budget and priorities, **we can accommodate your needs at any stage.**

Our goal is to transform supply chain transparency from a simple compliance requirement to a genuine commitment to human integrity.

At Bureau Veritas, we understand the critical importance of **comprehensive transparency, risk management, and protection of human rights across global supply chains.**

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

QUALITATIVE RISK MAPPING OF SUPPLIERS

- Visualise the level of risks across your supply chain
- Target and prioritise mitigation actions
- Improve oversight of your supply chain

e.g. desktop review, supplier risk profile and assessment, prioritisation, independent opinion letter

SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE (SAQ)

- Uncover on-the-ground concerns through low-touch pre-screening of risks
- Promote transparency and credibility across the value chain

e.g. tailored self-assessment forms design, review of SAQ responses, independent opinion letter

ON-SITE AUDITS

- Detect hidden risks with real-time granular data
- Identify key non-compliances with remediation strategies
- Support suppliers' continuous improvement efforts

e.g. interviews, on-site independent audits (including SMETA and customised), audit report, follow-up audits, corrective action plans

MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT ASSURANCE

- Detect hidden risks with real-time granular data
- Identify key non-compliances with remediation strategies
- Support suppliers' continuous improvement efforts

e.g. independent assurance over modern slavery statement

DID YOU KNOW?

Based on our client experience and our hundreds of on-site audits in Australia and Asia, the most common major non-compliances for modern slavery we have uncovered are emergency and fire safety, working hours and remuneration issues.

~50m

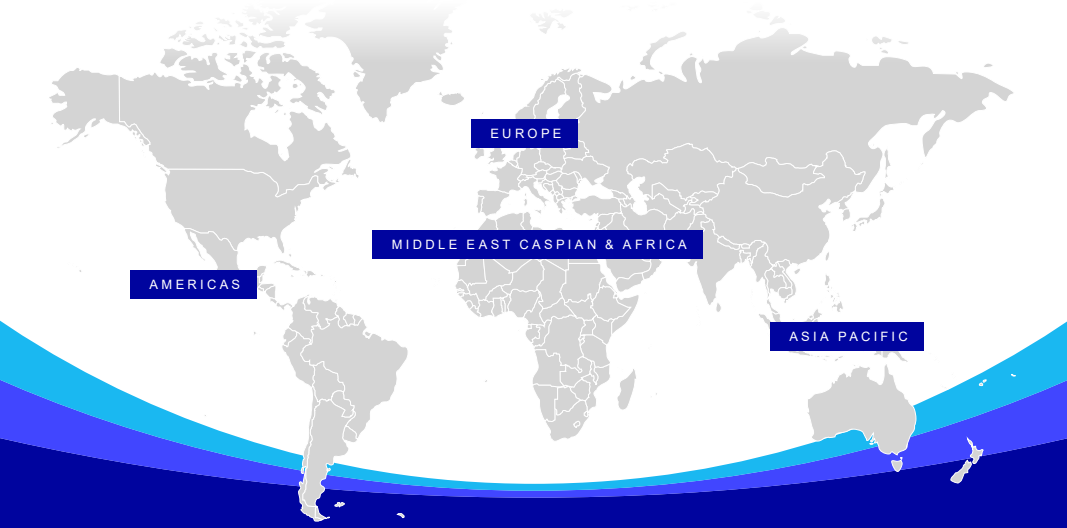
Victims of Modern Slavery globally

(Walk Free, 2022)

WHY PARTNER WITH BUREAU VERITAS?

GLOBAL NETWORK

With **84,000 employees in over 140 countries,** we are well-versed in conducting on-site audits of suppliers worldwide. With our extended network of experts and auditors, we can dive into the depths of your supply chains by obtaining **"boots-on-the-ground" data to solidify your due diligence process.**



MODERN SLAVERY EXPERTISE

We leverage our robust supply chain risk management portfolio with **on-site experience** to help our clients uncover and combat modern slavery risks within their supply chains.

A DEDICATED SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

We have a passionate and fully qualified team of ESG experts delivering our **comprehensive suite of ESG services.** We support our clients in demonstrating their commitment to sustainability and securing the confidence of their stakeholders.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC AND LOCALISED

We serve clients across almost all industry sectors and geographies around the globe. Our auditors are **knowledgeable, experienced and familiar with local regulations,** and work with us to seamlessly deliver tangible outcomes.

FLEXIBLE SCOPE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

Unlike some schemes which only offer "off-the-shelf" options, **our risk assessments and on-site audits can be truly customised to suit your needs** and specificities of your value chain.

NEED MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE A QUESTION?

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