# AKC SOLUTIONS

# **ANTI SLAVERY POLICY**

**AKC International Solutions LTD** 

## **Abstract**

Anti slavery policies were introduced by the government in the United Kingdom in 2015 under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. This policy is set out to ensure organizational supply chains are slavery free.



#### ANTI-SLAVERY POLICY STATEMENT

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain.

AKC International Solutions LTD has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery, and we are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in our own business or in any of our supply chains.

We are also committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains, consistent with our disclosure obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

AKC International Solutions LTD expect the same high standards from all of our contractors, suppliers and other business partners, and as part of our contracting processes, in the coming year we will include specific prohibitions against the use of forced, compulsory or trafficked labour, or anyone held in slavery or servitude, whether adults or children, and we expect that our suppliers will hold their own suppliers to the same high standards. We are only hiring on one on one bases and we follow a thorough due diligence to avoid and report any similar incident. We will add the anti trafficking policy in due course before hiring any labour in the near future.

This policy applies to all persons working for us or on our behalf in any capacity, including employees at all levels, directors, officers, agency workers, seconded workers, volunteers, interns, agents, contractors, external consultants, third-party representatives and business partners. This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment and we may amend it at any time.

# Responsibility for the policy

AKC International Solutions LTD has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy complies with our legal and ethical obligations, and that all those under our control comply with it.

AKC International Solutions LTD has primary and day-to-day responsibility for implementing this policy, monitoring its use and effectiveness, dealing with any queries about it, and auditing internal control systems and procedures to ensure they are effective in countering modern slavery.

Management at all levels are responsible for ensuring those reporting to them understand and comply with this policy and are given adequate and regular training on it and the issue of modern slavery in supply chains.

Any person is invited to comment on this policy and suggest ways in which it might be improved. Comments, suggestions and queries are encouraged and should be addressed to the Managing Director.



### Compliance with the policy

Every one within the business in any capacity must ensure that the policy read, understand and complied to within AKC Solutions LTD.

The prevention, detection and reporting of modern slavery in any part of our business or supply chains is the responsibility of all those working for us or under our control. You are required to avoid any activity that might lead to, or suggest, a breach of this policy. You must notify your line manager OR the managing director as soon as possible if you believe or suspect that a conflict with this policy has occurred or may occur in the future.

Every one are encouraged to raise concerns about any issue or suspicion of modern slavery in any parts of our business or supply chains of any supplier tier at the earliest possible stage. If any one believed or suspected a breach of this policy has occurred or that it may occur, the line manager or company Director must be notified OR reported in accordance with our Whistleblowing Policy as soon as possible. Our whistle blower policy will be added in the upcoming financial year. Currently we are following the UK HSE's whistle blower guidance.

It must be noted that where appropriate, and with the welfare and safety of local workers as a priority, AKC International Solutions LTD will give support and guidance to our suppliers to help them address coercive, abusive and exploitative work practices in their own business and supply chains.

If you are unsure about whether a particular act, the treatment of workers more generally, or their working conditions within any tier of our supply chains constitutes any of the various forms of modern slavery, raise it with your line manager or company Director.

We aim to encourage openness and will support anyone who raises genuine concerns in good faith under this policy, even if they turn out to be mistaken. We are committed to ensuring no one suffers any detrimental treatment as a result of reporting in good faith their suspicion that modern slavery of whatever form is or may be taking place in any part of our own business or in any of our supply chains.

Detrimental treatment includes dismissal, disciplinary action, threats or other unfavourable treatment connected with raising a concern.

If you believe that you have suffered any such treatment, you should inform your line manager immediately. If the matter is not remedied, and you are an employee, you should raise it formally using our Grievance Procedure, which can be found in the current local and international anti slavery laws.

This Modern (Anti) Slavery Policy and Statement is intended for businesses in all countries, especially the United Kingdom and other countries AKC Solutions operate in.



# Communication & awareness of this policy

Training on this policy, and on the risk our business faces from modern slavery in its supply chains, forms part of the induction process for all individuals who work for us, and updates will be provided using established methods of communication between the business and you. Our zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery must be communicated to all suppliers, contractors and business partners at the outset of our business relationship with them and reinforced as appropriate thereafter.

Breaches of this policy Any employee who breaches this policy will face disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal for misconduct or gross misconduct. We may terminate our relationship with other individuals and organisations working on our behalf if they breach this policy.

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