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BSCI (Business Social Compliance Initiative)

Socially responsible organisations and companies take concrete steps to uphold ethical business and corporate practices. Membership with BSCI demonstrates commitment toward socially and environmentally ethical standards.

About BSCI

The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) is a broad-based business-driven platform for the improvement of social compliance in the global supply chain. By offering retail, brand, importing and trading companies a comprehensive monitoring and qualification system covering all products, BSCI is able to effectively and systematically improve working conditions worldwide.

The BSCI Code

The BSCI Code is based on key international Conventions protecting worker's rights as outlined by important Declarations of the United Nations. The code includes 13 key elements:

- Management practice
- Documentation
- Working time
- Compensation
- Child labour/Young employees
- Forced labour, prisoner labour and disciplinary measures

- Freedom of association and collective bargaining
- Discrimination
- Working conditions
- Health and social facilities
- Occupational health and safety
- Dormitories
- Environment

Benefits of BSCI Membership

BSCI membership offers companies:

- Exclusive access to the BSCI database
- Clear assessment of audit results
- Enhanced relationship with suppliers
- Enhanced reputation

Benefits to the suppliers:

- A monitoring system that effectively reduces the audit burden on suppliers
- No multiple audits for different trading companies with BSCI membership
- Savings in cost and time
- Audit results that are recognised and accepted by all BSCI members



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The BSCI Process

BSCI members are requested to adopt and disseminate the BSCI Code of Conduct both internally and in their supply chain to inform employees and suppliers about the company's dedication to social compliance and the BSCI development approach.

To implement the code, BSCI had developed standardised management tools and guidance documents for the relevant industries. 'Audits' and 'Capacity building' form the two pillars of the BSCI system. The auditing process (see figure) ensures compliance with the BSCI Code of Conduct. BSCI recognises certification bodies accredited to SA8000; for example, TÜV SÜD.

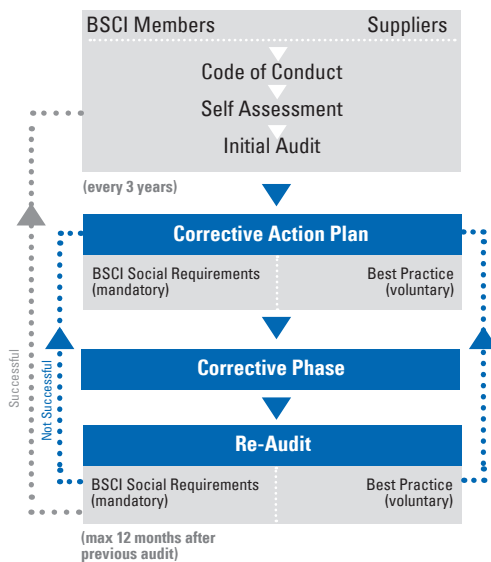


Fig. 1. The BSCI Process

Why choose TÜV SÜD

With a global network of strong multi-discipline expertise, TÜV SÜD is the single source for an approved auditing and certifying body for multiple retailer and brand standards of CSR programmes. This guarantees uniform audit quality in organisations that have factories in disparate locations across the world. TÜV SÜD has a strict code of conduct in place which requires all inspectors and auditors to follow closely. In addition, TÜV SÜD supports management system integration which enables companies to integrate SA 8000 with other management systems such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, BSCI and CoC (Code of Conduct).

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