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SA 8000: Social Accountability

Socially responsible organisations and companies take concrete steps to uphold ethical business and corporate practices. Certification in social accountability demonstrates commitment toward socially and environmentally ethical standards.

About SA 8000

The Social Accountability 8000 (SA 8000) standard, governed by Social Accountability International (SAI), is the first globally recognised social compliance standard. SA 8000 is a standard for improving working conditions and it is applicable to all companies regardless of scale, industry and location.

SA 8000 is a Universal Standard

Based on the conventions of the International Labour Organisation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child, SA 8000 addresses the following:

- Child labour
- Forced labour
- Health and safety
- Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining
- Discrimination
- Disciplinary practices

- Working hours
- Remuneration
- Management systems

SA 8000 is a voluntary social compliance standard which demonstrates your commitment to a humane working environment.

Benefits of SA 8000 certification

All stakeholders will benefit from adhering to SA 8000 standards. With assistance from a third-party, the following can be achieved:

- Reduced risks
- Enhanced factory and brand reputation
- Qualify to customer requirements
- Improved supplier relationships
- Improved product quality due to enhanced work environment
- Improved labour conditions and safer work environment
- Clear and credible assurance for ethical purchasing decisions



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SA 8000 Certification Process

Stage 1: Pre-audit
Assessment of system readiness for Certification
Stage 2: Certification audit
Review and evaluation followed by audit planning, on-site auditing and submission of audit report
Surveillance Audit
Issuing and use of certificate for 3 years, followed by surveillance audits every 6 months

Fig. 1. SA 8000 Certification Process

In Stage 1, an auditor assesses the company's compliance with existing regulations and its current practices in relation to provisions of SA 8000. Recommended findings shall be put in to practice before the formal audit takes place. In Stage 2, an auditor checks and evaluates the system effectiveness based on prior agreed standards. Upon successful compliance, the auditor recommends the issue of the SA 8000 certificate.

The SA 8000 certificate is valid for three years. Companies are given surveillance audits once every six months during this period to ensure stability and progress of the standard. Renewal audits take place once every three years.

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Why choose TÜV SÜD

TÜV SÜD has a strict code of conduct in place which requires all inspectors and auditors to follow closely.

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 situated across different countries.

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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