

Communication on Progress

COP Minimum Requirements Swedish Net 2017

Introduction

Swedish Net continues to support the UN Global Compact initiative and the ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

This is the fifth communication on progress from Swedish Net Communication AB. In the past year Swedish Net has had one of our best years regarding new clients and turnover. This has also lead to a series of new suppliers that are to be reviewed in our UN Global compact supplier program, that is integrated in our ISO certified quality management system.

Human rights

Sweden has stable governance with laws and regulations and zero tolerance to human rights abuse in the public eye, because of this, human rights abuse is not common within serious companies in Sweden. However, the risk of complicity exists in every sector and every country and we see it as our social responsibility to boycott companies that are known to compromise human rights here in Sweden and abroad.

Our biggest concern however are companies abroad that don't have stable governance or pour regard of the human rights, in our quality management system we are determined to investigate those companies before making any businesses.

Labour

The four principles related to labour are regulated by law in Sweden. Besides that Sweden has well established and strong workers unions. Companies that Swedish Net hires labour from are obligated to follow the collective established regulations on paycheck, working hours etc.

Environment

Swedish Net has an environmental management system certified in ISO 14001.

Anti-corruption

Corruption of any kind is not acceptable.

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Goals

- Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and corruption on all foreign companies on the internet.
- Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and/or corruption on most of the companies active in Sweden and abroad on the internet.
- Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes or corruption on samples of Swedish companies active only in Sweden on the internet.

Measurement of outcome

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and corruption on all foreign companies on the internet.**

Out of 8/8 controlled companies we found 1 indication that a company did not fulfill all of the ten principles.

Company	Area	Description
Nespresso	Labour Environment	Labour: https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/mar/02/nestle-admits-slave-labour-risk-on-brazil-coffee-plantations Environment: Problem enligt tidigare anställd: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-24/former-nespresso-boss-warns-coffee-pods-are-killing-environment/7781810 Bevis på försök till förbättring: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/apr/29/recycle-nespresso-coffee-pods-london

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and/or corruption on most of the companies active in Sweden and abroad on the internet.**

Out of 21/41 controlled companies we found 0 companies that did not fulfill at least one of the ten principles.

Company	Area	Description
Saab AB	Anti-Corruption	http://en.mercopress.com/2016/12/10/lula-accused-of-helping-saab-win-us-5.6bn-defense-contract-for-the-air-force
Nordea	Anti-Corruption	http://www.aftonbladet.se/nyheter/article22574130.ab

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes or corruption on samples of Swedish companies active only in Sweden on the internet.**

Out of 18/260 controlled companies we found 0 companies that did not fulfill at least one of the ten principles.

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Self-assessment

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and corruption on all foreign companies on the internet.**
Controlled Not controlled
- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and/or corruption on most of the companies active in Sweden and abroad on the internet.**
Controlled Not controlled
- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes or corruption on samples of Swedish companies active only in Sweden on the internet.**
Controlled Not controlled

Result

We will have asked DHL in Sweden what they are doing to prevent the things that is going on in Central America, if we don't get a satisfying answer we will turn to another supplier for transport.

Nestlé admits slave labour risk on Brazil coffee plantations, we will follow up on this and see what they do to prevent this from happening in the future

Allegations against SAAB in Brazil, we will follow up and see what is going to happen with these allegations and if SAAB has done anything criminal as the allegations say.

Panama papers has shown that Nordea might be involved in criminal activity, Swedish Finans Inspektionen has dropped their charges against the bank. We will make a follow up to see what has happened.

Yours sincerely



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