

## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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*Indkøbsforeningen Samhandel f.m.b.a.*

**Period covered by this Communication on Engagement** [Ideally the two years prior to this report]

From: 06.01.24

To: 05.31.26

**Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent**

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief

*I am pleased to confirm that Indkøbsforeningen Samhandel F.m.b.A continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact concerning human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. With this ongoing commitment, we reaffirm our dedication to advancing these principles and will communicate this commitment clearly to our stakeholders and the general public.*

*Samhandel integrates the UN Global Compact and its principles into our strategy, culture, and daily operations. We actively encourage our stakeholders to participate in the UN Global Compact, implement sustainability partnerships, and provide them with relevant information to support their sustainability reporting efforts.*

*As part of our commitment, we recognize the importance of submitting a Communication on Engagement (COE) that outlines our efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and engage with the Global Compact. We are dedicated to maintaining public accountability and transparency by reporting on our progress every two years, in accordance with the Global Compact COE policy.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Torben Serritslev*  
CEO

## Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

- *At Samhandel, we recognize the critical role that procurement plays in shaping environmental outcomes. As a leading procurement organization serving the HoReCa (Hotel, Restaurant, and Catering) sector, we are committed to leveraging our influence to drive positive environmental impact across our operations. Here's how we plan to benefit the environment:*
- *Optimizing Logistics: We understand that transportation and logistics are significant contributors to carbon emissions. Therefore, we are dedicated to optimizing logistics operations to minimize the environmental footprint for our members. By offering a bonus for improving logistics processes, we aim to reduce both emissions and costs for our members.*
- *Promoting Ecological and CO2-Friendly Options: We are actively promoting ecological and CO2-friendly options within our procurement offerings. This involves sourcing products and services from suppliers who prioritize sustainability and environmental responsibility. Whether it's eco-friendly packaging, energy-efficient equipment, or locally sourced ingredients, we are committed to providing our members with options that minimize their environmental impact while meeting their operational needs.*
- *Developing a CO2 measuring software: Recognizing the importance of quantifying and managing carbon emissions, we are working on developing a comprehensive CO2 framework for our organization and our members in the HoReCa business. This framework will include a software solution, for measuring and reporting carbon emissions, as well as strategies for reducing emissions throughout the supply chain. By providing a structured approach to carbon management, we aim to empower our members to make informed decisions that benefit both their businesses and the environment.*
- *Lastly, with our substantial purchasing power, Samhandel recognizes the influence we wield in shaping sustainable business practices. We prioritize suppliers who demonstrate a strong commitment to the UN Global Compact principles and corporate social responsibility (CSR). By partnering with socially responsible suppliers, we not only enhance the sustainability of our supply chain but also amplify the positive impact of our procurement activities on society and the environment.*
- *Through these initiatives, Samhandel is taking proactive steps to drive environmental sustainability within the HoReCa sector. By optimizing logistics, promoting eco-friendly options, and developing a CO2 framework, we are committed to making a positive difference for the planet while supporting the success of our members.*

### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- *With logistic optimization, we can measure a direct impact on the size per order, resulting in fewer trucks or more filled trucks per delivery. Based on our numbers, we have found a 25% improvement in the last 3 years.*
- *Additionally, we have observed a reduction of about 30% in our personnel driving, as meetings are now conducted online, further minimizing travel-related emissions.*
- *Our commitment to sustainability extends to our supplier relationships as well. Our contracts include clauses that require suppliers to maintain robust CSR efforts and explicitly state that we do not tolerate poor ESG performance. This ensures that our supply chain aligns with our environmental and social responsibility goals. We are also in the process of developing a comprehensive Code of Conduct (COC), which we aim to have all suppliers sign throughout 2025, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable and ethical business practices.*
- *All our requirements for suppliers align with and are based upon the guiding principles of UNGC.*
- *Furthermore, leveraging our expertise, we are actively promoting more ecological and bio products to our members. By sourcing and offering a wide range of environmentally friendly options, we empower our members to make sustainable choices that reduce their environmental impact. This initiative not only supports the planet but also meets the growing demand for eco-friendly products within the HoReCa sector. Through these combined efforts, we are making significant strides in driving positive environmental change and supporting the success of our members.*

*Samhandel is already an eco-friendly organization due to our high level of digitalization. Our operations are run with very few employees, and we conduct many of our meetings digitally, further reducing our environmental footprint. This digital-first approach not only minimizes the need for travel but also enhances our overall efficiency and sustainability. Through these combined efforts, we are making significant strides in driving positive environmental change and supporting the success of our members.*