

Reporting on Modern Slavery

The **UK Modern Slavery Act** represents a significant step forward in combating abuses related to forced labour and human trafficking by demanding new levels of transparency in global supply chains.

The UK Government's approach to this issue has always been based on the desire to improve transparency whilst also ensuring that businesses take appropriate and proportionate action to tackle modern slavery.¹

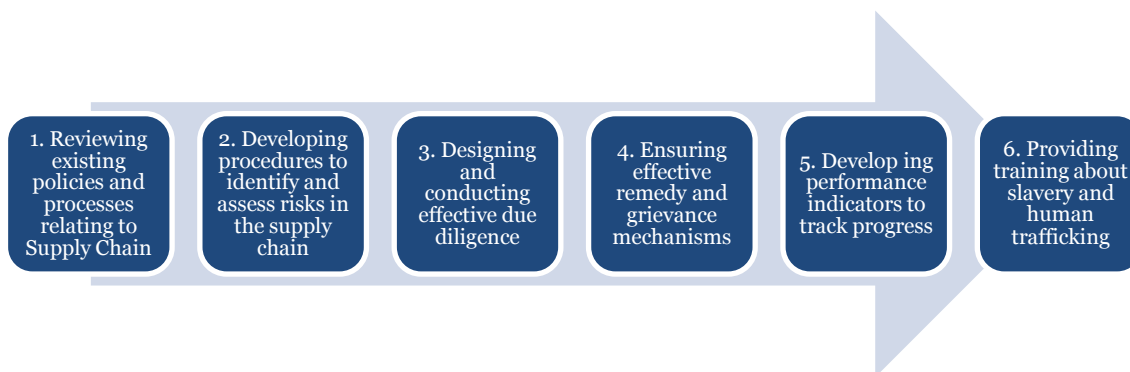
The Act requires all companies with an annual turnover above £36 million conducting business in the UK, irrespective of where they are headquartered, to publish an annual *Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement* on their website. This statement must be approved at board level and should disclose the steps the business has taken during that year to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not present in its supply chains, nor any part of its business.

The Act states that an organisation's statement may include information about:

- *“the organisation's structure, its business and its supply chains;*
- *its policies in relation to slavery and human trafficking;*
- *its due diligence processes in relation to slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains;*
- *the parts of its business and supply chains where there is a risk of slavery and human trafficking taking place, and the steps it has taken to assess and manage that risk;*
- *its effectiveness in ensuring that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in its business or supply chains, measured against such performance indicators as it considers appropriate;*
- *the training about slavery and human trafficking available to its staff”.*

How Sancroft can help

As specialists in Responsible Sourcing and Human Rights, Sancroft is ideally placed to support businesses in their compliance with the Modern Slavery Act. We can advise on industry best practice and ensure that your required Slavery and Human Trafficking statement meets all stakeholder expectations. We do this through the following six steps:



Our expertise covers every level of the development and implementation of a human rights strategy, including: supply chain and risk mapping, UN Guiding Principles alignment and reporting, internal capacity building, priority setting, policy development, due diligence system creation, reporting and training.

Sancroft also offers advice on the design of ethical trading strategies, auditing programmes, root cause analysis, emergency response, remediation of critical issues and internal and external communications.

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