

Sonoco Products Company - Supplier Standards

Sustainability statement

Sonoco's strategic mission statement is to be the low-cost global leader in providing customer-preferred packaging solutions to selected value-added segments, where we expect to be either number one or two in market share. Shareholder return, customer and employee satisfaction, commitment to excellence, integrity, environmental stewardship and a safe workplace will be the hallmarks of our culture.

The Company's focus on sustainability is directly linked to and in support of its mission statement. We believe that initiatives around enhancing our reputation, being a strong corporate citizen, providing a good place to work and being a good steward of our environmental resources will make us a stronger, more competitive company, better able to support and satisfy our broad customer base and provide shareholders with average annual double-digit total returns.

In today's competitive global marketplace, the issues relevant to supporting sustainability are directly linked to Sonoco's long-term profitability and viability. We believe that sustainability and business success are not only compatible but are inextricably linked and that by embracing both, we will benefit our shareholders for the long term.

Sonoco's commitment to the principles outlined above is an integral part of our identity and how we operate. As such, we expect all our suppliers to support these same principles. Since the conduct of our suppliers can be a direct reflection on Sonoco and our reputation, we require that our suppliers, and any of their contractors, meet the standards as detailed below. Sonoco shall work with suppliers to implement and at our discretion monitor these standards through on site audits.

Compliance with Applicable Laws and Practices

Suppliers shall comply with all local and national laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the suppliers are doing business. In addition, Sonoco requires that all suppliers comply with the following practices.

Compensation

Employees shall be fairly compensated through wages and benefits which meet or exceed any prevailing local standards and are in compliance with local and national laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the suppliers are doing business.

Hours of Labor

Suppliers shall operate such that employee working hours are in compliance with local standards and applicable laws of the jurisdictions in which the suppliers are doing business. Sonoco will not work with any suppliers who require employees to work in excess of the statutory limitations without proper compensation as required by applicable law. Employees should be permitted reasonable days off and leave privileges.

Child Labor and Forced Labor

Sonoco complies with the "California Transparency in the Supply Chain Act" and expects all suppliers to take a proactive role to ensure they also comply. Under no circumstances will suppliers utilize or benefit from child labor, prison labor, indentured labor, bonded labor, or use

corporal punishment or other forms of mental and physical coercion as a form of discipline. In the absence of any national or local law, the definition of a 'child' is 15 years of age. If local law sets the minimum age below 15, but is in accordance with the International Labor Organization Convention 138, the lower age will apply.

Discrimination/Rights

Suppliers shall employ based on an individual's ability to do the job and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national identity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability or any other similar factors.

Immigration Law and Compliance

Suppliers will only utilize or benefit from workers with a legal right to work in the jurisdictions in which they are doing business.

Safety and Work Environment

Suppliers shall provide a safe and healthful work environment for the protection of its employees which meets and exceeds all local or national health and safety laws and regulations.

Environment

Suppliers accept that they have an ethical responsibility to protect the environment in which they operate and will conduct all business in accordance with all local and national laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which they operate.

Grievance Process

Suppliers shall provide a grievance process for employees to identify workplace concerns to management.

Code of Conduct

Suppliers shall be aware of, and abide by, the Sonoco Standard Policies on Business Conduct as noted on www.sonoco.com, with special attention towards the sections on anti-trust, illegal payments, and retaliation. If you need to get a copy of this code of conduct, please see your supply management representative.