



Tradebe Environmental Services UK

Modern Slavery Act 2015: Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

Financial Year 2023

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Introduction

Tradebe Environmental Services UK is an international leader in waste reclamation and recycling solutions.

At Tradebe Environmental Services UK we are fully aware of our responsibilities under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and are committed to our role in combatting this global problem. We apply robust practices to combat slavery and human trafficking both in the workplace and in our supply chains. This statement sets out the steps we have taken to understand potential modern slavery risks related to our business and to put in place controls that ensure there is no slavery or human trafficking present.

Our structure

Tradebe Environmental Services UK is a leading, global company in the environmental sector serving various markets including industrial, manufacturing, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, oil & gas, etc. We offer our services in Europe (Spain, France, Germany & Italy), UK and in the US. Tradebe Environmental Services UK, employing more than 2,600 people worldwide and operating in more than 90 facilities across Spain, United Kingdom, United States, France, Germany & Italy.

The Group has annualized revenues more than 600 million Euros, and currently operates in the following countries:

- **Spain.** The organization operates and provides a range of waste management services, including wastewater treatment, solvent recycling, oil services, metal recovery, port services, mineral recycling & consultancy.
- **UK.** The organization operates and provides a range of waste management services, including wastewater treatment, solvent recycling, incineration, clinical and radioactive waste management.
- **USA.** The organization operates and provides a range of waste management services including chemical & wastewater treatment and recycling, solvent recovery, government services, lab-pack, and total waste management.
- **France.** The organization operates and provides a range of waste management services including chemical & wastewater treatment and recycling, lab-pack, and total waste management as well as field services.
- **Germany.** The organization operates and provides a range of waste management services including chemical & wastewater treatment and recycling, lab-pack, and total waste management as well as field services.
- **Italy.** The organization operates and provides a range of waste management services including chemical & wastewater treatment and recycling, lab-pack and total waste management's well as field services.

Our business

Our business in the UK is organized into four divisions: Scotoil, Inutec, Incineration & Healthcare Division (clinical waste) and Industrial Division.

The responsibility for the organisation's anti-slavery initiatives is as follows:

- **Policies:** HR department is responsible for reviewing and issuing related policy.
- **Risk assessments:** Line managers and/ or Safety, Health, Environment, Quality (SHEQ) personnel with HR personnel support.
- **Investigations/due diligence:** HR Department and line managers are responsible.
- **Awareness/Communication:** Delivered by our online learning platform with knowledge checkpoints and end of course test with pass rate.

Risk and exposure

We assess that there is relatively low level of risk with regards to modern slavery and human trafficking within our own direct UK business and in the countries in which we operate.

We are committed to ensuring that any such risk is identified, and appropriate control measures are in place. We acknowledge that a greater risk exists within our supply chains. Our supply chains include the sourcing of raw materials and services, principally related to the transportation, treatment, and recycling of waste, and may involve services sourced both within the UK and overseas. Below we set out the control measures employed to identify and mitigate these risks.

Our policies on slavery and human trafficking

The organisation operates the following policies that describe our approach to identification of modern slavery risks and the steps we take to prevent slavery and human trafficking in our operations.

- **Whistleblowing Policy.** The organisation encourages all its workers, customers, and other business partners to report any concerns related to the direct activities of the organisation or its related supply chains. This includes any circumstances that may give rise to an enhanced risk of slavery or human trafficking. The organisation's whistleblowing procedure is designed to make it easy for workers to make disclosures, without fear of retaliation.
- **Equal Opportunities Policy.** We are an equal opportunities employer committed to ensuring, within the framework of the law, that our workplace is free from all forms of discrimination. This extends to our customers and suppliers. It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure their own conduct conforms to the expected standards and to flag issues should they discover behaviour that causes concern.
- **Employee Ethical Code.** The organisation's Ethical Code makes clear to employees the actions and behaviour expected of them when representing the organisation. The organisation strives to maintain the highest standards of employee conduct and ethical behaviour when operating in the UK and abroad and in managing its supply chain.
- **Supplier/Procurement terms and conditions.** The organisation is committed to ensuring that its suppliers adhere to the highest standards of ethics, and we expect suppliers to demonstrate that they provide safe working conditions where necessary, treat workers with dignity and respect and act ethically and within the law in their use of labour. Suppliers are expected to undertake whatever measures are

appropriate to ensure that modern slavery & human trafficking is not present within their organisations or supply chains. Failure to comply with these standards will lead to contract review and may include removal from our approved supplier list.

- **Recruitment/Agency Workers Policy.** The organisation uses only specified, reputable employment agencies to source labour and always verifies the practices of any new agency we commission before accepting workers from that agency. We ensure that agencies carry out all right to work checks and where possible pass that information to us prior to employment. The candidate is to provide reference contacts prior to employment and produce all appropriate documents, including right to work, whether sourced through an agency or otherwise. DBS checks are carried out when an employee is required to work in the restricted areas of some of our customers as required by law. All recruitment organisations are subject to the same supplier expectations out lined above.
- **Corporate Sustainability Report.** We produce a Corporate Sustainability Report, which is freely available to all employees and external stakeholders via our website and sets out our commitment to combating modern slavery and human trafficking together with the steps undertaken to ensure this.

Due diligence processes to combat slavery and human trafficking

We undertake due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers, and regularly review our existing suppliers. This process includes:

- Evaluating the modern slavery and human trafficking risks of each new supplier and targeting our assessment and controls where we judge that risk to be highest.
- Ensuring that our expectations of business behaviour are clearly communicated to all suppliers. This includes, as a minimum, compliance with the requirements and sentiments of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and section 54 (1).
- Taking steps to improve substandard suppliers' practices, which may include providing advice to suppliers and requiring them to implement action plans.
- Invoking sanctions against suppliers that fail to improve their performance in line with an action plan or seriously violate our supplier expectations, including the termination of the business relationship.

Employee awareness training

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we provide awareness training to our staff via our online learning platform. We also expect our business partners to provide awareness training to their staff and suppliers.

Tradebe's awareness training covers the following:

- Understanding what Modern Slavery means
- Recognising what the Modern Slavery Act 2015 is
- Identifying the signs of Modern Slavery
- Identifying what makes people vulnerable to Modern Slavery
- Recognising how to make a change to Modern Slavery
- Understanding how to report Modern Slavery

This includes understanding the importance of our Company's Ethical Code and other written policies.

Monitoring effectiveness in combating modern slavery and human trafficking

The organisation continues to review the following key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure how effective we are in ensuring that modern slavery and human trafficking is not present in any part of our business or supply chains:

- Use of labour monitoring including the introduction of HR Software SuccessFactors (My Tradebe) to support greater visibility of our employee data and enhance our reporting capabilities.
- Annual reviews of employee wages in line with National Minimum & National Living Wage as set by the UK Government.
- New staff offer letters and contracts ensuring more robust wording and processes are in place for Right to Work checks.
- Level of communication and personal contact with our supply chain representatives and their understanding of, and compliance with, our expectations.
- Requiring all relevant staff, supply chain managers & HR professionals to have sufficient understanding of the issues surrounding modern slavery and the actions to take where appropriate.
- Ensuring supply chain verification is carried out by all staff who have responsibility for hiring contractors or supply chains. Our staff must submit all requests through a dedicated purchasing team, to ensure the supplying company are compliant with all our company requirements. The same department then evaluates existing contractors and suppliers, on renewal, before they enter new contracts.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our modern slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31st December 2023.



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