

## **Modern slavery Policy Statement**

This policy sets out the organisation's stance on modern slavery and explains how employees can

identify any instances of this and where they can go for help. This statement is made pursuant to s.54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that Walkers has taken and is continuing to take to ensure that modern slavery or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain.

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour. Walkers has a zero-tolerance approach to any form of modern slavery. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity and transparency in all business dealings and to putting effective systems and controls in place to safeguard against any form of modern slavery taking place within the business or our supply chain.

## **Our suppliers**

Walkers operates a supplier policy and maintains a preferred supplier list. We conduct due diligence on all suppliers before allowing them to become a preferred supplier. This due diligence includes an online search to ensure that particular organisation has never been convicted of offenses relating to modern slavery [and onsite audits which include a review of working conditions]. Our anti-slavery policy forms part of our contract with all suppliers and they are required to confirm that no part of their business operations contradicts this policy.

In addition to the above, as part of our contract with suppliers, we require that they confirm to usthat:

- 1. They have taken steps to eradicate modern slavery within their business
- 2. They hold their own suppliers to account over modern slavery
- 3. They pay their employees at least the national minimum wage / national living wage (as appropriate)
- 4. We may terminate the contract at any time should any instances of modern slaverycome to light]

## **Training**

We regularly conduct training for our procurement/buying/ operational teams so that they understand the signs of modern slavery and what to do if they suspect that it is taking place within our supply chain.

## **Key Performance Indicators**

We will know the effectiveness of the steps that we are taking to ensure that slavery and/or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain.

Mr Lee Walker **Managing Director.** 

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