

## Social Schemes Certification and Assessments

- SA8000 – Social Accountability Management System Certification
- Amfori BSCI – Business Social Compliance Initiative Assessments
- SMETA – SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audits



### Overview:

Consumer purchasing decisions are based on ethically manufactured products or services provided. The modern purchasing decision also includes pollution during manufacturing, ethics, and values at minimum. This trend has led to buyers mandating social audits to suppliers prior to order execution.

The framework of Social audits include local laws, national laws, and principles of the international instruments (ILO conventions).

Social audits demonstrate an organization is compliant to Health and Safety norms, labor law compliance thereby demonstrating:

- Focus on workers' health and safety
- Compliance of local labor laws
- High worker satisfaction level
- Ethical manufacturing practices
- Better confidence to regulatory bodies, statutory bodies and various stakeholders

The social audits cater to organizations who need to demonstrate social compliance for international/domestic exporting, reputation, good manufacturing practices and being part of a supply chain demonstrating ethical practices.

The Social Accountability 8000 (SA8000) is the first global standard for corporate social responsibility. SA8000 is promoted as a voluntary, universal standard for companies interested in auditing and certifying

labor practices in their facilities and those of their suppliers and vendors. It is designed for independent third party certification. SA8000:2014 is a certifiable standard and the certificate issued is valid for 3 years.

BSCI 2.0 refers to the latest upgrade to the BSCI System, to incorporate the latest international guidelines on business and human rights, such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP). BSCI 2.0 is a voluntary audit authorized by the Responsibility(RSP) holder.

SMETA is the world's most widely used audit. Businesses use SMETA to understand and make improvements to working conditions and environmental performance in their business and supply chain. SMETA 6.1 is a voluntary audit requested by the Buyer and validity is at the discretion of the buyer. The results of the SMETA audits are published on the SEDEX (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange) platform.

### Benefits of Social Audits:

- Enhances company and brand reputation
- Improves employee recruitment, retention and productivity
- Facilitates better supply chain management and performance
- A way to generate public awareness of companies committed to assuring humane working conditions
- Clear and credible assurance for ethical purchasing decisions

- Identification of ethically made products and companies committed to ethical sourcing
- An opportunity to work directly with business on labor rights issues

### The route to amfori BSCI certificate:

- Authorization of the Audit by Amfori BSCI Participant responsible for the Producer
- Offer from TUV India / Confirmation of order to conduct the Audit
- Self Assessment by the Producer on the Amfori BSCI Platform
- On site Audit (Announced /Semi Announced / Fully Unannounced)
- A full Amfori BSCI Audit is valid for two years. Depending on the degree of fulfilment, the result of the audit may lie between “A = Outstanding” and “E = Unacceptable”, If A or B, the audit is valid for 2 years. Else, a follow-up audit is needed within one year

### The route to SA 8000 certificate:

- Offer from TUV INDIA Pvt. Ltd. /confirmation of order to conduct the Audit
- The applicant organisation then undertakes an online management system self assessment using the TUV INDIA Key Code. The Social Fingerprint Self-Assessment® helps the organisation understand the management system requirements of SA 8000 and whether it is ready to apply for certification
- Stage 1 Audit: Establishment of readiness, Audit planning
- Stage 2 Audit: Certification Audit
- Release of the certification procedure
- Issue of certificate (valid for 3 years subject to completion of annual surveillance audits)

### The route to SMETA 6.1 certificate:

- Offer from TUV India Pvt Ltd/Confirmation of order to conduct the audit
- The applicant organisation needs to register on the SEDEX platform
- Onsite audit (Announced/Semi Announced/Fully Announced)
- SMETA 6.1 audits valid is at the discretion of the buyer

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