

Verifying social responsibility based on the **amfori BSCI**

Code of Conduct for responsibility & sustainability in the supply chain

In an age of globalised markets, many companies are now moving their production facilities to other countries. This requires firms to take on a particular social responsibility, especially in less developed or high-risk nations (WGI ranking). amfori BSCI, short for amfori Business Social Compliance Initiative, provides a recognised methodology for identifying and remediating risks in global supply chains. An amfori BSCI audit enables you to ensure your suppliers act responsibly in their dealings with people and the environment during production.

amfori is the world's leading association for free and sustainable trade. It supports retailers, importers, brands and national associations by advocating socially acceptable production conditions, responsible resource usage and the promotion of worldwide trade relations.

The amfori BSCI Code of Conduct defines values and principles for responsible business practices along the

supply chain and aims to continuously optimise the key parameters. These principles apply to all sectors worldwide and comply with international regulations (e.g., International Labour Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights).

As an independent, accredited company, TÜV NORD CERT audits your suppliers and checks compliance with the amfori BSCI Code of Conduct.

Target groups

Compliance with social standards is growing in importance. Most brand manufacturers now select their suppliers based on relevant criteria. However, major retailers are also increasingly requiring manufacturers to perform reviews in accordance with amfori BSCI principles. This not only includes brand manufacturers, but also agricultural companies and farms. As the checks only cover work conditions in production, trade offices and logistics companies are exempt.



Advantages

The amfori BSCI Code of Conduct secures you key competitive and production advantages both internally and externally:

Internal

- Improved internal management processes
- Optimised risk management
- Higher efficiency for the supply chain
- Time and expense saved by avoiding multiple audits
- A focus on improvements and solutions

External

- Promotion of fair, safe working conditions
- Increased trust among customers and business partners
- New business contacts

Prerequisites

Customers should be business partners in the supply chain of an amfori BSCI participant, or participants themselves. All partners must sign the amfori BSCI Code of Conduct, and,

once being successfully invited to amfori platform, their profiles are listed on the amfori platform.

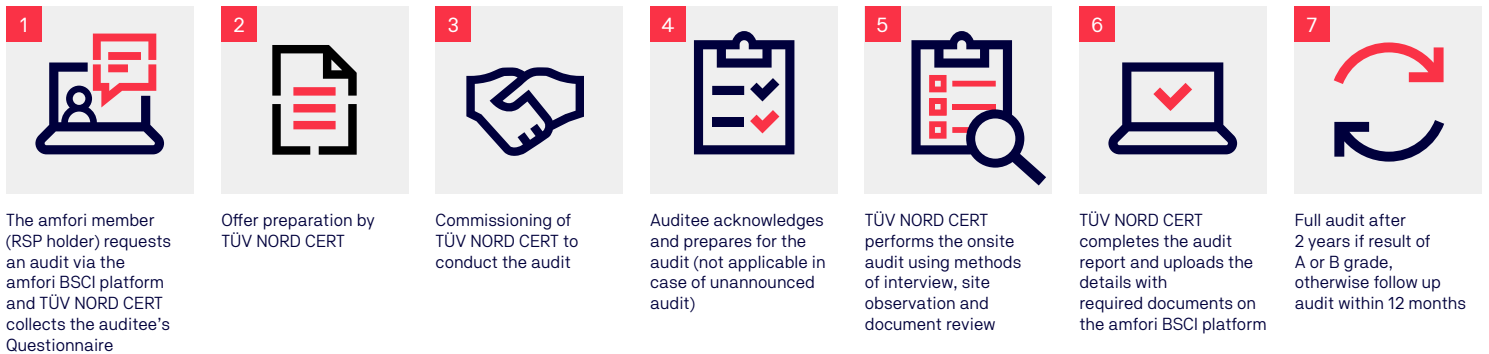
Audit content

Our service includes background research into the respective production site(s), an on-site audit (with site observation, interviews and document review), a report, and uploading documents to the amfori BSCI platform. The audit is conducted based on the amfori BSCI Code of Conduct.

Types of audits

amfori BSCI distinguishes among various types of audits for manufacturing location, small producer, multi tiers or farms. The audits may be advised with semi announced, and others may be unannounced. amfori BSCI is a verification system, not a certification system. It cannot guarantee that the audited party will fully meet the requirements. amfori BSCI audit only assesses the degree to which the audited party meets the requirements.

Your route to amfori BSCI verification in 7 steps



Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is an internationally recognized and reliable partner for testing and certification services. Our experts and auditors have in-depth knowledge and generally have a permanent position at TÜV NORD. This ensures independence and neutrality as well as continuity in serving our customers. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.



Auditing Partner of amfori
We conduct amfori BSCI audits

As an auditing partner of amfori, the leading business association for open and sustainable trade, we perform amfori BSCI Audits. For more information visit www.amfori.org



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