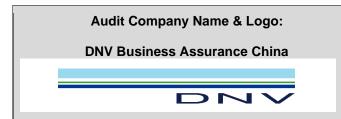


# Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit Report

## Version 6.1



	Audit	Details					
Sedex Company Reference: (only available on Sedex System)	ZC: 1025055			Site nce: ailable ex	ZS: 41	3276414	
Business name (Company name):	Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co. 新疆阜丰生物科技有限公司	Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. 新疆阜丰生物科技有限公司					
Site name:	Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. 新疆阜丰生物科技有限公司						
Site address: (Please include full address)	No.188,Fangzheng East Street, Gan Quan Pu Economic and Technological Development Zone,Urumqi City, Xinjiang Province,PRC 新疆乌鲁木齐市甘泉堡经济技术开发区方正东街188号			y:	China		
Site contact and job title:	Mr. MENG LING JIE/Quality Manage	ment Manage	er				
Site phone:	+86 18699578677		Site e-r	nail:	18497	755317@qq.com	
SMETA Audit Pillars:	🛛 Labour Standards	(plus Environi Pillar)		Environment 4-pillar		Business Ethics	
Date of Audit:	June 07-10, 2021						



#### Report Owner (payer):

Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.

Audit Conducted By									
Affiliate Audit Company		Purchaser		Retailer					
Brand owner		NGO		Trade Union					
Multi– stakeholder			Combined Audit	select all that appl	у)				

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### Audit Content:

- (1) A SMETA audit was conducted which included some or all of Labour Standards, Health & Safety, Environment and Business Ethics. The SMETA Best Practice Version 6.1 was applied. The scope of workers included all types at the site e.g. direct employees, agency workers, workers employed by service providers and workers provided by other contractors. Any deviations from the SMETA Methodology are stated (with reasons for deviation) in the SMETA Declaration.
- (2) The audit scope was against the following reference documents

#### 2-Pillar SMETA Audit

- ETI Base Code
- SMETA Additions
  - Universal rights covering UNGP
  - Management systems and code implementation,
  - Responsible Recruitment
  - Entitlement to Work & Immigration,
  - Sub-Contracting and Home working,

#### **4-Pillar SMETA**

- 2-Pillar requirements plus
- Additional Pillar assessment of Environment
- Additional Pillar assessment of Business Ethics
- The Customer's Supplier Code (Appendix 1)
- (3) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
- (4) Any Non-Compliance against customer code shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between ETI code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.



### **SMETA Declaration**

I declare that the audit underpinning the following report was conducted in accordance with SMETA Best Practice Guidance and SMETA Measurement Criteria.

- (1) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
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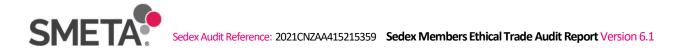
Auditor Team (s) (please list all including all interviewers):Lead auditor:Erick TangAPSCA number: 21702349Lead auditor APSCA status: Registered AuditorTeam auditor:NoneAPSCA number:Interviewers:Erick TangAPSCA number: 21702349

Report writer: Erick Tang Report reviewer: Jie Liao

#### Date of declaration: June 10, 2021

Note: The focus of this ethical audit is on the ETI Base Code and local law. The additional elements will not be audited in such depth or scope, but the audit process will still highlight any specific issues.

This report provides a summary of the findings and other applicable information found/gathered during the social audit conducted on the above date only and does not officially confirm or certify compliance with any legal regulations or industry standards. The social audit process requires that information be gathered and considered from records review, worker interviews, management interviews and visual observation. More information is gathered during the social audit process than is provided here. The audit process is a sampling exercise only and does not guarantee that the audited site prior, during or post–audit, are in full compliance with the Code being audited against. The provisions of this Code constitute minimum and not maximum standards and this Code should not be used to prevent companies from exceeding these standards. Companies applying this Code are expected to comply with national and other applicable laws and where the provisions of law and this Code address the same subject, to apply that provision which affords the greater protection. The ownership of this report remains with the party who has paid for the audit. Release permission must be provided by the owner prior to release to any third parties.



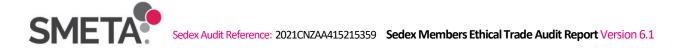
### **Summary of Findings**

Issue (please click on the issue title to go direct to the appropriate audit results by clause) Note to auditor, please ensure that when issuing	(Only conformi	Area of Non–Conformity (Only check box when there is a non– conformity, and only in the box/es where the non–conformity can be found)			Record the number of issues by line*:			Findings (note to auditor, summarise in as few words as possible NCs, Obs and GE)
the audit report, hyperlinks are retained.	ETI Base Code	Local Law	Additional Elements	Customer Code	NC	Obs	GE	

0A	Universal Rights covering UNGP				Nil
OB	Management systems and code implementation				Nil
1.	Freely chosen Employment				Nil
2	Freedom of Association				Nil
3	Safety and Hygienic Conditions			3	Summary of Non-Compliance finding 1: Two barrels of antifoaming agent without corresponding MSDS. Summary of Non-Compliance finding 2: The factory's buildings had not obtained the construction project completion acceptance reports. Summary of Non-Compliance finding 3: No emergency evacuation map in the factory canteen.
4	Child Labour				Nil
5	Living Wages and Benefits				Nil







6	Working Hours				Nil
7	<u>Discrimination</u>				Nil
8	Regular Employment				Nil
8A	<u>Sub-Contracting and</u> <u>Homeworking</u>				Nil
9	Harsh or Inhumane Treatment				Nil
10A	Entitlement to Work				Nil
10B2	Environment 2-Pillar				N/A
10B4	Environment 4–Pillar				Nil
10C	Business Ethics				Nil

General observations and summary of the site:

1. The factory was established in February 2012.

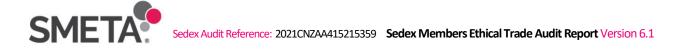
2. The main products in the factory were Manufacture of food grade additives (xanthan gum, gellan gum, pectin, branched-chain amino acids, L-leucine, L-valine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamine, L-histidine, L-arginine, L-tryptophan), other food (sodium hyaluronate, L-theanine), feed additives (L-leucine, isoleucine, valine, glutamine, L-tryptophan, L-arginine), and other biological products..

- 3. The manufacturing processes were Fermentation Extraction Centrifugation Drying Crushing Packaging.
- 4. The factory had established the social accountability management system to manage the social accountability issues in the factory.
- 5. Mr. Fujiang Han / System Manager was responsible for compliance with the ETI basic code and applicable local legal requirements.

6. There were totally 708 permanent employees in the factory during the audit.

- 7. The youngest worker on site was 20 years old who was born on April 7, 2001 and joined the factory on August 26, 2018.
- 8. The peak and valley season were not obvious in the factory.
- 9. 42 workers were selected for interview, including 30 male workers and 12 female workers. They were interviewed as 6 group with 5 workers in each group and 12 workers were interviewed individually.
- 10. Standard working time was 5 days a week and 8 hours a day.





- 11. Based on provided payroll records, all workers were paid by hourly rate and minimum wage was guaranteed for all workers. The local legal minimum wage was RMB 1700 per month (RMB9.77 per hour). The factory paid at least RMB 1900 per Month (RMB10.92 per hour) as normal wage to workers.
- 12. The factory implemented 8 hours, 5 days per week as regular working hour system. Production workers worked 3 shifts with 4 groups (8 hours per shift, shift working times were 9:00 -17:00, 17:00-01:00, and 01:00-09:00, workers switched to another shift in every 3 days, and had a day off). Regular time of office staffs was 9:00-18:00. The factory paid 200% and 300% of regular rate for weekend overtime hours and statutory holidays overtime hours respectively. Workers did not work overtime in working day.
- 13. Based on provided attendance records, maximum overtime hours in sample were: 32 hours /month in May 2020; 32 hours/month in October 2020; 24 hours/month in April 2021. The weekly working hours did not exceed 60 hours, which were 48 hours.
- 14. Based on the recent 3 months' invoice receipts from February to May 2021, the factory provided the mandatory social insurance: accident, medical, maternity, unemployment insurance, retirement insurance to all employees.
- 15. The production building of the factory was in good conditions based on on-site observation.
- 16. No child labour or young worker was identified during the audit.
- 17. No forced labour was identified during the audit.
- 18.7 worker representatives were elected in the factory. One worker representative attended the opening and closing meeting during this audit.
- 19. The factory had established procedures on health & safety, environment protection and business ethics. Mr. Qianzhi Zhuan/ Vice GM was the responsible person of health & safety, environment and business ethics issues.

This full initial audit was conducted by DNV GL Business Assurance China. One auditor assessed the facility operations against the ETI Base Code and local legislations on a sampling basis in 3.5 days.

During this audit there were totally 3 Non-compliances found in the section of "Safety and Hygienic Conditions", For details, please refer to relevant sections.

\*Please note the table above records the total number of Non-compliances (NC), Observations (Obs) and Good Examples (GE). This gives the reviewer an indication of problem areas but does not detail severities of each issue – Reviewers need to check audit results by clause.





### **Site Details**

	Site Details						
A: Company Name:	Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. 新疆阜丰生物科技有限公司						
B: Site name:	Xinjiang Fufeng Biote 新疆阜丰生物科技有限		Co., Ltd.				
C: GPS location: (If available)	GPS Address:			n 44°13'19" e: E 87°44'30"			
D: Applicable business and other legally required licence numbers and documents, for example, business license number, liability insurance, any other required government inspections	Business license No. 91650100589323493W Valid from February 15, 2012 to long term The production permit of food additives: No. SC20165010600072, issued on Feb. 02, 2021, expiry date: June 02, 2024.						
E: Products/Activities at site, for example, garment manufacture, electricals, toys, grower, cutting, sewing, packing etc	Manufacture of food grade additives (xanthan gum, gellan gum, pectin, branched-chain amino acids, L-leucine, L-valine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamine, L-histidine, L-arginine, L- tryptophan),other food (sodium hyaluronate, L-theanine),feed additives(L-leucine, isoleucine, valine, glutamine, L-tryptophan, L-arginine), and other biological products.						
F: Site description: (Include size, location, and age of site. Also, include structure and number of buildings)	Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. located at No.188, Fangzheng East Street, Gan Quan Pu Economic and Technological Development Zone, Urumqi City, Xinjiang Province, PRC. The facility was established on Feb. 15, 2012.						
	The factory covered about 1200000 SQ meters. It consisted of three 2-storey production buildings, three 1-storey production office buildings and three 1-storey warehouse buildings. In addition, there are 1 power plant, 1 sewage treatment station, 1 raw material warehouse, 1 canteen, 1 employee activity center, 10 5-story dormitory buildings for employees, and 1 5- story office building in the factory.						
	Production Building 1 (No. 1 production line)	Descriptio	on	Remark, if any			
	Floor 1	Machine of productio					
	Floor 2	Machine of productio	of No. 1				
	Is this a shared building?	No	-				
	Production Building 2	Descriptio	on	Remark, if any			
	Floor 1	Office of productio					



Is this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 3	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Warehouse of No. 1 production line	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 4( No. 2 production line)	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Machine of No. 2 production line	
Floor 2	Machine of No. 2 production line	
ls this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 5	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Office of No. 2 production line	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 6	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Warehouse of No. 2 production line	
ls this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 7( No. 3 production line)	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Machine of No. 3 production line	
Floor 2	Machine of No. 3 production line	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 8	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Office of No. 3 production line	
ls this a shared building?	No	
Production Building 9	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Warehouse of No. 3 production line	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Power plant building	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Power plant	



Is this a shared building?	No	
Sewage treatment station building	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Effluent treatment plant	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Raw material warehouse building	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Raw material warehouse	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Canteen building	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Kitchen, canteen	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Employee activity center building	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Employee activity center	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Dormitory buildings 1-10	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Dormitory rooms	
Floor 2	Dormitory rooms	
Floor 3	Dormitory rooms	
Floor 4	Dormitory rooms	
Floor 5	Dormitory rooms	
Is this a shared building?	No	
Office building	Description	Remark, if any
Floor 1	Meeting room, laboratory, office room for Quality	
Floor 2	Meeting room , office room for project	
Floor 3	management office	
Floor 4	Meeting room , office room for finance	
Floor 5	Meeting room , office room for R&D	
Is this a shared building?	No	



	<ul> <li>For below, please add any extra rows if appropriate.</li> <li>F1: Visible structural integrity issues (large cracks) observed?</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>F2: Please give details:</li> <li>N/A</li> <li>F3: Does the site have a structural engineer evaluation?</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>F4: Please give details: The production buildings were integrated and safe, but the factory had not provided the construction project completion acceptance reports for review.</li> </ul>
G: Site function:	review. Agent Factory Processing/Manufacturer Finished Product Supplier Grower Homeworker Labour Provider Pack House Primary Producer Service Provider Sub-Contractor
H: Month(s) of peak season: (if applicable)	No obvious peak season
I: Process overview: (Include products being produced, main operations, number of production lines, main equipment used)	Food grade additives (xanthan gum, gellan gum, pectin, branched-chain amino acids, L-leucine, L-valine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamine, L-histidine, L-arginine, L-tryptophan),other food (sodium hyaluronate, L-theanine),feed additives(L-leucine, isoleucine, valine, glutamine, L-tryptophan, L-arginine), and other biological products. Production process: Fermentation - Extraction - Centrifugation - Drying - Crushing - Packaging Main machines: Seeds cans, Fermentation cans, Air filtration system, Extraction cans, Plate and frame filter, Centrifuge, Screening machine, Crushing machine, Packaging machine
J: What form of worker representation / union is there on site?	□ Union (name) ⊠ Worker Committee □ Other (specify) □ None
K: Is there any night production work at the site?	∑ Yes □ No
L: Are there any on site provided worker accommodation buildings e.g. dormitories	Yes No L1: If yes, approx. 100% of workers in on site accommodation



M: Are there any off site provided worker accommodation buildings	☐ Yes ⊠ No M1: If yes, approx. % of workers
N: Were all site-provided accommodation buildings included in this audit	Yes No N1: If no, please give details



Audit Parameters								
A: Time in and time out	Day 1 Time in: 9:00 Day 1 Time out: 18:30	Day 2 Time in: 9:00 Day 2 Time out: 18:30	Day 3 Time in: 9:00 Day 3 Time out: 18:30	Day 4 Time in: 9:00 Day 4 Time out: 12:00				
B: Number of auditor days used:	3.5 ( one auditor 3.	5 days)						
C: Audit type:	Full Initial Periodic Full Follow–up Partial Follow–U Partial Other If other, please def	Periodic Full Follow-up Partial Follow-Up Partial Other						
D: Was the audit announced?	Announced	ed: Window detail:	weeks					
E: Was the Sedex SAQ available for review?	Yes No E1: If No, why not?							
F: Any conflicting information SAQ/Pre- Audit Info to Audit findings?	☐ Yes ⊠ No If <b>Yes</b> , please capto	ure detail in appropr	riate audit by clause					
G: Who signed and agreed CAPR (Name and job title)	Mr. MENG LING JIE,	/Quality Manageme	ent Manager					
H: Is further information available (If yes, please contact audit company for details)	Yes XNo							
I: Previous audit date:	N/A							
J: Previous audit type:	N/A							
K: Were any previous audits reviewed for this audit	□ Yes □ No ⊠ N/A							



Audit attendance	Management		Worker Representatives				
	Senior management		Worker Committee representatives		Union representatives		
A: Present at the opening meeting?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No	🛛 Yes	🗌 No	Yes	🛛 No	
B: Present at the audit?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No	🛛 Yes	🗌 No	Yes	🛛 No	
C: Present at the closing meeting?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No	🛛 Yes	🗌 No	Yes	🛛 No	
D: If Worker Representatives were not present please explain reasons why (only complete if no worker reps present)	N/A						
E: If Union Representatives were not present please explain reasons why: (only complete if no union reps present)	There was no Union in the factory.						



### **Worker Analysis**

The term "migrant worker" refers to a person who is engaged or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a country of which they are not a national or permanent resident or has purposely migrated on a temporary basis to another in-country region to seek and engage in a remunerated activity.

Worker Analysis								
	Local			Migrant*				Total
	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Home workers	
Worker numbers – Male	21	0	0	484	0	0	0	505
Worker numbers – female	6	0	0	175	0	0	0	181
Total	27	0	0	659	0	0	0	686
Number of Workers interviewed – male	4	0	0	26	0	0	0	30
Number of Workers interviewed – female	2	0	0	10	0	0	0	12
Total – interviewed sample size	6	0	0	36	0	0	0	42





A: Nationality of Management	China	
B: Please list the nationalities of all workers, with the three most common nationalities listed first. Please add more nationalities as applicable to site. Add more rows if required.	Nationalities: B1: Nationality 1:China B2: Nationality 2: B3: Nationality 3:	Was the list completed during peak season? Yes No If no, please describe how this may vary during peak periods: N/A
C: Please provide more information for the three most common nationalities.	C: approx % total workforce: Nationality 1100 C1: approx % total workforce: Nationality 2 C2: approx % total workforce: Nationality 3	_
D: Worker remuneration (management information)	D:% workers on piece rate D1: _100% hourly paid workers D2:% salaried workers Payment cycle: D3:% daily paid D4:% weekly paid D5: _100% monthly paid D6:% other D7: If other, please give details	





Worker Interview Summary			
A: Were workers aware of the audit?	Yes No		
B: Were workers aware of the code?	Yes No		
C: Number of group interviews: (Please specify number and size of groups. Please see SMETA Best Practice Guidance and Measurement Criteria. If the auditor was not able to follow the BPG, please state within the declaration)	6 groups with 5 workers ir	n each group	
D: Number of individual interviews (Please see SMETA Best Practice Guidance and Measurement Criteria)	D1: Male: 8	D2: Female: 4	
E: All groups of workers are included in the scope of this audit such as; Direct employees, Casual and agency workers, Workers employed by service providers such as security and catering staff as well as workers supplied by other contractors. Note to auditor: please record details of migrant /agency/contractor workers in section 8 – Regular Employment, under Responsible Recruitment	Yes No If no, please give detail	s N/A	
F: Interviews were done in private and the confidentiality of the interview process was communicated to the workers?	Yes No		
G: In general, what was the attitude of the workers towards their workplace?	∑ Favourable □ Non-favourable □ Indifferent		
H: What was the most common worker complaint?	No worker complained interview.	anything during the	
I: What did the workers like the most about working at this site?	Salary, on-time paymer	it	
J: Any additional comment(s) regarding interviews:	None		
K: Attitude of workers to hours worked:	All workers enjoyed working at this factory, they felt they had sufficient work and had a good relationship with management in general.		
L. Is there any worker survey information available?			
☐ Yes ⊠ No L1: If yes, please give details: N/A			



#### M: Attitude of workers:

(Include their attitude to management, workplace, and the interview process. Both positive and negative information should be included) Note: Do not document any information that could put workers at risk

42 workers were selected for interview including 30 male and 12 female employees, 12 were interviewed individually and others were interviewed as 6 groups with 5 workers in each group. The workers were assured of confidentiality and they spoke freely of their views of the factory. All workers said they were satisfied with their employment at the factory and the current wages. They felt free to leave this employer. They had good relationships with their supervisors and managers who treated them with respect. They could make suggestions to their supervisors and team leaders and sometimes they had seen these suggestions accepted. They felt they could complain directly to their supervisors but also felt free to give their general concerns to their worker representatives who would take it to the top management.

N: Attitude of worker's committee/union reps:

(Include their attitude to management, workplace, and the interview process. Both positive and negative information should be included) Note: Do not document any information that could put workers at risk

Interviewed with a worker representative, she said factory management was very care about workers and paid more attention to deal with workers' suggestion or complain. The worker representative showed that the management was kind and the workplace was comfortable. Few complaints were issued from the workers. No negative information was identified.

O: Attitude of managers:

(Include attitude to audit, and audit process. Both positive and negative information should be included)

The facility management showed a positive attitude to this audit during the whole process. At the end of the audit, all findings and suggested corrective actions were accepted by the facility management.



### Audit Results by Clause

#### 0A: Universal Rights covering UNGP

(Click here to return to summary of findings)

#### 0.A. Guidance for Observations

0.A.1 Businesses should have a policy, endorsed at the highest level, covering human rights impacts and issues, and ensure it is communicated to all appropriate parties, including its own suppliers.

0.A.2 Businesses should have a designated person responsible for implementing standards concerning Human rights

0.A.3 Businesses shall identify their stakeholders and salient issues.

0.A.4 Businesses shall measure their direct, indirect, and potential impacts on stakeholders (rights holders) human rights.

0.A.5 Where businesses have an adverse impact on human rights within any of their stakeholders, they shall address these issues and enable effective remediation.

0.A.6 Businesses shall have a transparent system in place for confidentially reporting, and dealing with human rights impacts without fear of reprisals towards the reporter.

Note for auditors and readers. This is not a full Human Rights Assessment, but instead a check on the business's implementation of processes to meet their Universal rights covering UNGP responsibilities.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors' examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is /are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. The factory had ETI policy, endorsed at the highest level, covering human rights impacts and issues, and ensure it was communicated to all appropriate parties, including its own suppliers.
- 2. Mr. Fujiang Han / System Manager was appointed as the responsible person for implementing standards concerning Human rights;
- 3. The factory had identified their stakeholders and salient issues;
- 4. The factory had measured its direct, indirect, and potential impacts on stakeholders (rights holders) human rights, take the actions to address the impacts.
- 5. The factory established procedure to distribute updated human rights requirements to its stakeholders (rights holders) timely and arranged regular training for stakeholders (rights holders) on updated contents and retained records.
- 6. The factory provided a confidential reporting channel to its workers and suppliers to report human rights issues without fear of reprisals towards the reporter.

### Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Code of Conduct
- 2. Appointment records
- 3. Complaint records
- 4. ETI management manual
- 5. Training records for stakeholders



A: Policy statement that expresses commitment to respect human rights?	Yes No A1: Please give details: The factory had an ETI management manual on human rights in place which expresses commitment to respect human rights, E.g., forbidden use of child labor; prohibition of forced labour; freedom of association; prohibition of discrimination; disciplinary practices, protection of intellectual property, comply with all related laws and regulations.
B: Does the business have a designated person responsible for implementing standards concerning Human Rights?	∑ Yes ☐ No Please give details: Name: Mr. Fujiang Han Job title: System Manager
C: Does the business have a transparent system in place for confidentially reporting, and dealing with human rights impacts without fear of reprisals towards the reporter?	Yes No C1: Please give details: The factory had a Complaint management procedure that addresses dealing with human rights impacts without fear of reprisals towards the reporter. For example: the factory had a suggestion box, hotline for managing grievances and complaints.
D: Does the grievance mechanism meet UNGP expectations? (Legitimate, Accessible, Predictable, Equitable, Transparent, Rights- compatible, a source of continuous learning and based on stakeholder engagement)	∑ Yes □ No D1: If no, please give details N/A
E: Does the business demonstrate effective data privacy procedures for workers' information, which is implemented?	Yes No E1: Please give details: All employee information and personnel files were kept by the HR department. Only authorized people could view it.

Findings				
Finding: Observation 🗌 Description of observation:	Company NC 🗌	Objective evidence observed:		
Local law or ETI/Additional elements / customer specific requirement:				
Comments:				

Good examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:



### Measuring Workplace Impact

Workplace Impact		
A: Annual worker turnover: Number of workers leaving in last 12 months as a % of average total number of workers on site over the year (annual worker turnover)	A1: Last year: 3.4%	A2: This year 4.6%
B: Current % quarterly (90 days) turnover: Number of workers leaving from the first day of the 90 days period through to the last day of the 90 day period / [(number of employees on the 1st day of 90 day period + number of employees on the last day of the 90 day period) / 2]	2.1%	
C: Annual % absenteeism: Number of days lost through job absence in the year / [(number of employees on 1st day of the year + number employees on the last day of the year) / 2] * number available workdays in the year	C1: Last year: _0.2%	C2: This year _0.3 %
D: Quarterly (90 days) % absenteeism: Number of days lost through job absence in the period / [(Number of employees on 1st of the period + Number of employees on the last day of the period) / 2] * Number of available workdays in the month	0.2%	
E: Are accidents recorded?	<ul> <li>☐ Yes</li> <li>☑ No</li> <li>E1: Please describe: The written accident records indicated that no accident had ever occurred last one year.</li> </ul>	
F: Annual Number of work related accidents and injuries per 100 workers: [(Number of work related accidents and injuries * 100) / Number of total worke rs]	F1: Last year: Number: 0	F2: This year: Number: 0
G: Quarterly (90 days) number of work related accidents and injuries per 100 workers: [(Number of work related accidents and injuries * 100) / Number of total workers]	0	
H: Lost day work cases per 100 workers: [(Number of lost days due to work accidents and work related injuries * 100) / Number of total workers]	H1: Last year: 0	H2: This year: 0
I: % of workers that work on average more than 48 standard hours / week in the last 6 / 12 months:	I1: 6 months 0% workers	I2: 12 months 0% workers



J: % of workers that work on average more than 60 total hours / week in the last 6 / 12 months:	J1: 6 months 0% workers	J2: 12 months 0% workers
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#### **0B: Management system and Code Implementation**

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0.B.1 Suppliers are expected to implement and maintain systems for delivering compliance to this Code. 0.B.2 Suppliers are expected to be operating legally in premises with the correct business licenses and permissions and to have systems to ensure that all relevant land rights have been complied with 0.B.3 Suppliers shall appoint a senior member of management who shall be responsible for compliance with the Code.

0.B.4 Suppliers are expected to communicate this Code to all employees.

0.B.5 Suppliers should communicate this code to their own suppliers and, where reasonably practicable, extend the principles of this Ethical Code through their supply chain.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. The factory had established related social accountability policies/ procedures,
- 2. The factory appointed Mr. Fujiang Han / System Manager to be responsible for compliance status of the social accountability system who had knowledge of applicable local legal requirements on labor rights, health and safety, environment and ETI Code.
- 3. Based on document review, the factory had established relevant documents and procedure on social accountability based on ETI COC and had a system to enforce the laws and regulations into the site's policies and procedures; the factory had posted ETI Base Code on site for employees' comprehension.
- 4. The factory conducted the internal audit on the March 05, 2021, the management review on the April 02, 2021.
- 5. The factory signed ETI agreement with its suppliers and conducted audit on them to extend the principles of this Ethical Code through its supply chain and monitored suppliers' ETI performance annually for continuous improvements.
- 6. The site was operating legally and had all required valid business license and permits.
- 7. The factory had all required land rights licenses and permissions, including land use warrant, and the factory kept the copies.

### Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

#### Details:

- 1. ETI policies and procedures.
- 2. ETI management manual.
- 3. Internal audit report and management review records.
- 4. Appointment records.
- 5. Training records.
- 6. ETI agreements with suppliers.
- 7. Suppliers audit reports.
- 8. Employee handbook
- 9. Applicable Legal requirements list;
- 10. Land use permit



#### 11. Business license

Any other	comments:
None	

Management Systems:		
A: In the last 12 months, has the site been subject to any fines/prosecutions for non–compliance to any regulations?	Yes No A1: Please give details: Per management interview and search in local government's website, no record showed the factory was fined or prosecuted in the last 12 months.	
B: Do policies and/or procedures exist that reduce the risk of forced labour, child labour, discrimination, harassment & abuse?	Yes No B1: Please give details: The factory established policies and procedures that reduce the risk of forced labour, child labour, discrimination, harassment & abuse.	
C: If Yes, is there evidence (an indication) of effective implementation? Please give details.	Employee file and labour contract, recruitment posters	
D: Have managers and workers received training in the standards for forced labour, child labour, discrimination, harassment & abuse?	Yes No D1: Please give details: The factory had provided the training to management and workers.	
E: If Yes, is there evidence (an indication) that training has been effective e.g. training records etc.? Please give details	Yes No E1: Please give details: Training records for both management and workers were provided for review	
F: Does the site have any internationally recognised system certifications e.g. ISO 9000, 14000, OHSAS 18000, SA8000 (or other social audits). Please detail (Number and date).	<ul> <li>∑ Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>F1: Please give details: The factory obtained ISO</li> <li>9001:2015; ISO14001:2015 and ISO45001:2018</li> <li>ISO 9001:2015</li> <li>Certificate No.: 00120Q39331R3M/3700</li> <li>Valid from 11, Sept. 2020 to 10, Sept. 2023</li> <li>ISO14001:2015</li> <li>Certificate No.: 00118E34308R1M/3700</li> <li>Valid from 22, Nov. 2018 to 17, Nov. 2021</li> <li>ISO45001:2018</li> <li>Certificate No.: 00118S32930R1M/3700</li> <li>Valid from 28, Oct. 2020 to 02, Dec. 2021</li> </ul>	
G: Is there a Human Resources manager/department? If Yes, please detail.	∑ Yes □ No	



	G1: Please give details: There was a HR department in the factory. Mr. Guishi zhao / HR Manager was mainly responsible for HR issue	
H: Is there a senior person / manager responsible for implementation of the code	Yes No H1: Please give details: Mr. Fujiang Han / System Manager	
I: Is there a policy to ensure all worker information is confidential?	Yes No I1: Please give details: There was a personal information protection policy and designated HR personnel to manage workers' information and maintain data privacy. Workers' files were put in a specified place and locked. Any other person requesting information should apply and be approved by HR Manager.	
J: Is there an effective procedure to ensure confidential information is kept confidential?	Yes No J1: Please give details: Privacy protection policy and procedure were in place.	
K: Are risk assessments conducted to evaluate policy and procedure effectiveness?	Yes No K1: Please give details: The factory had established risk assessment procedure according to the code and conducted risk assessments once a year.	
L: Does the facility have a process to address issues found when conducting risk assessments, including implementation of controls to reduce identified risks?	Yes No L1Please give details: The factory had a process to address issues found when conducting risk assessments, including implementation of controls to reduce identified risks.	
M: Does the facility have a policy/code which require labour standards of its own suppliers?	Yes No M1: Please give details: The suppliers' qualification audit report required labour standards of suppliers, furthermore the facility had a supplier agreement in place which contains labour and social requirements.	
Land rights		
N: Does the site have all required land rights licenses and permissions (see SMETA Measurement Criteria)?	Yes No N1: Please give details: The factory had all required land rights licenses and permissions. the factory provided the State-owned land use certificate for review.	



O: Does the site have systems in place to conduct legal due diligence to recognize and apply national laws and practices relating to land title?	Yes No O1: Please give details: The factory had systems in place to conduct legal due diligence to recognize and apply national laws and practices related to land title and land use warrant.
P: Does the site have a written policy and procedures specific to land rights. If yes, does it include any due diligence the company will undertake to obtain free, prior and informed consent, (FPIC) even if national/local law does not require it	☐ Yes ⊠ No P1: If yes, how does the company obtain FPIC: N/A
Q: Is there evidence that facility / site compensated the owner/lessor for the land prior to the facility being built or expanded.	Yes No Q1: Please give details: The factory obtained the land from local government and compensated for this; the factory provided the State-owned land use certificate for review.
R. Does the facility demonstrate that alternatives to a specific land acquisition were considered to avoid or minimize adverse impacts?	Yes No R1: Please give details: The facility did not have plan of land acquisition
S: Is There any evidence of illegal appropriation of land for facility building or expansion of footprint.	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>S1: Please give details: There was no evidence of illegal appropriation of land for facility building or expansion of footprint.</li> </ul>

Non-compliance:		
<ol> <li>Description of non–compliance:</li> <li>NC against ETI/Additional Elements</li> <li>NC against customer code:</li> </ol>	NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:		
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law or ETI requirement:	observeu.	
Comments:		



Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective evidence observed:	



#### 1: Freely Chosen Employment

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1.1 There is no forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour.

1.2 Workers are not required to lodge "deposits" or their identity papers with their employer and are free to leave their employer after reasonable notice.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. The factory had established the effective employment policies & program that ensures employment is freely chosen, which including a policy or statement proportionate to the risks of Forced Labor in its production process.
- 2. The employees obtained their job through HR market or by friend's recommendation.
- 3. The workers were not required for paying deposits or holding their Identity papers to the factory at the beginning of employment.
- 4. The terms and conditions of employment in the factory employee handbook stated that the workers were free to leave the workplace outside of their working hours.
- 5. No forced, bonded or involuntary prison labor was identified during the audit.
- 6. The factory had signed the labor contracts with all employees. there were not abusive items in the labor contracts.
- 7. Based on site tour and worker interview, no compulsory overtime was found.
- 8. Based on site tour, document review, worker interview, no recruitment fee was found;
- 9. Based on site tour and worker interview, no workers were coerced into work through the use of threats, intimidation or physical abuses.

### Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Personnel files;
- 2. Resignation records;
- 3. Factory employee handbook;
- 4. Labor contracts;
- 5. Factory rules;
- 6. Employment policies & program;

A: Is there any evidence of retention of original documents, e.g. passports/ID's	☐ Yes ⊠ No A1: If yes, please give details and category of workers affected: N/A
B: Is there any evidence of a loan scheme in operation	☐ Yes ⊠ No B1: If yes, please give details and category of worker affected: N/A



C: Is there any evidence of retention of wages /deposits	☐ Yes ⊠ No C1: If yes, please give details and category of worker affected: N/A
D: Are there any restrictions on workers' freedom to terminate employment?	☐ Yes ⊠ No D1: Please describe finding: There were no restrictions on employee termination.
E: If any part of the business is UK based or registered there & has a turnover over £36m, is there a published a 'modern day slavery statement?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>E1: Please describe finding: The factory was not registered in the UK or has a branch in the UK.</li> </ul>
F: Is there evidence of any restrictions on workers' freedoms to leave the site at the end of the work day?	☐ Yes ⊠ No F1: Please describe finding: All employees are free to leave the facility when not engaged in work.
G: Does the site understand the risks of forced / trafficked / bonded labour in its supply chain	Yes No Not applicable G1: If yes, please give details and category of workers affected: The factory sent its code of conduct to suppliers which included the policy of prohibition of forced/trafficked/bonded labours.
H: Is the site taking any steps taking to reduce the risk of forced / trafficked labour?	Yes No H1: Please describe finding: The factory had established the effective policies and it was implemented by HR department. No restrictions on movement of the employees in the factory; and HR department would verify ID copies without any retention during recruitment process. In addition, employees could be freely resignation after communication with management in advance 30 days' notification.

Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI         NC against ETI         NC against Local Law:         NC against customer         code:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement:	observed.



Comments:	

Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):		Objective evidence observed:

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#### 2: Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining are Respected

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2.1 Workers, without distinction, have the right to join or form trade unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively.

2.2 The employer adopts an open attitude towards the activities of trade unions and their organisational activities.

2.3 Workers' representatives are not discriminated against and have access to carry out their representative functions in the workplace.

2.4 Where the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining is restricted under law, the employer facilitates, and does not hinder, the development of parallel means for independent and free association and bargaining.

#### Current Systems and Evidence Examined

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. The factory established policy on freedom of association to respect local legislation and The ETI Base Code on Freedom of association and collective bargaining.
- 2. There was no trade union in the factory.
- 3. There were 7 worker representatives in the factory, the worker representatives were elected by workers themselves freely.
- 4. The factory held the Worker representatives & management meeting quarterly. The latest meeting was conducted on June 03, 2021.
- 5. Through worker interview, the worker could give their opinion through worker representative or communicate with their supervisor.
- 6. Workers could raise their grievances or complaint to their worker representative or management directly.
- 7. No collective bargaining was in place in the factory.

### Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Worker representative& management meeting records.
- 2. Site policy on freedom of association and collective bargain
- 3. Election evidence
- 4. Personal Files
- 5. Suggestion Box

A: What form of worker	☐ Union (name)
representation/union is there on	⊠ Worker Committee
site?	☐ Other (specify)



	None		
B: Is it a legal requirement to have a union?	□ Yes ⊠ No		
C: Is it a legal requirement to have a worker's committee?	☐ Yes ⊠ No		
D: Is there any other form of effective worker/management communication channel? (Other than union/worker committee e.g. H&S, sexual harassment)	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>D1: Please give details:</li> <li>Workers could raise their concerns through telephone, suggestion box, directly communicating with the factory management.</li> <li>D2: Is there evidence of free elections?</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>		
E: Does the supplier provide adequate facilities to allow the Union or committee to conduct related business?	Yes No E1: Please give details: The factory provided a meeting room to conduct committee meetings.		
F: Name of union and union representative, if applicable:	N/A	F1: Is there evidence of free elections?	
G: If there is no union, is there a parallel means of consultation with workers e.g. worker committees?	There were 7 worker representatives.	G1: Is there evidence of free elections? ∑Yes ☐No ☐N/A	
H: Are all workers aware of who their representatives are?	Yes No N/A		
I: Were worker representatives freely elected?	🛛 Yes 🗌 No	11: Date of last election: March 02, 2021	
J: Do workers know what topics can be raised with their representatives?	Yes 🗌 No		
K: Were worker representatives/union representatives interviewed?	Yes No If <b>Yes</b> , please state how many: 1 worker representative was interviewed.		
L: Please describe any evidence that union/worker's committee is effective? Specify date of last meeting; topics covered; how minutes were communicated etc.	The Worker representatives & management meeting was conducted quarterly and the latest one was conducted on June 03, 2021, the topics covered benefits of employees, company rules, the traffic safety and health situation. The meeting was lasted 60 minutes.		
M: Are any workers covered by Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)?	Tes No		



If <b>Yes</b> , what percentage by trade Union/worker representation	M1:% workers covered by Union CBA N/A	M2:% workers covered by worker rep CBA N/A
M3: If <b>Yes</b> , does the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) include rates of pay?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A	

Non-compliance:			
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI NC against Local Law NC against customer code:	Objective evidence observed:		
Local law and/or ETI requirement:			
Recommended corrective action:			

Observation:		
Description of observation: Local law or ETI requirement:	Objective evidence observed:	
Comments:		
Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective evidence observed:	



#### 3: Working Conditions are Safe and Hygienic

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3.1 A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment. 3.2 Workers shall receive regular and recorded Health & Safety training, and such training shall be repeated for new or reassigned workers.

3.3 Access to clean toilet facilities and to potable water, and, if appropriate, sanitary facilities for food storage shall be provided.

3.4 Accommodation, where provided, shall be clean, safe, and meet the basic needs of the workers. 3.5 The company observing the code shall assign responsibility for Health & Safety to a senior management representative.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. General Health and Safety management
- The factory collected and identified applicable H&S laws, regulations and requirements and maintained legal certificates, inspections, permits and records.
- EHS risk assessments were conducted regularly with actions implementation for all types of workers, especially the most vulnerable ones, e.g. pregnant and lactating women, young workers, migrant workers.
- Mr. Qianzhi Zhuan/ Vice GM was responsible for issue of Health & Safety in the factory.
- The EHS meetings were hold quarterly.
- Workers were received regular and recorded Health& Safety Training and such training were repeated for new or reassigned workers.
- 2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- All workers were provided adequate personal protective equipment. all PPE were free of charge and available to them.
- All workers were received relevant training about importance of use PPE and how to use PPE properly.
- During the plant tour, it was noted all workers used the PPE appropriately.
- 3. EMERGENCY RESPONSE /FIRST AID / ACCIDENTS
- Adequate emergency responses were established to identify the risks, and well documented. All workers were well trained and understood and followed the procedures (e.g. drills) and management favors safety over production.
- Sufficient qualified first aiders and first aid kits were available in the factory.
- 4. Electrical safety
- The factory maintained adequate records of regular and effective electrical inspections, which was done by electrician.
- All electrical equipment such as sockets, plugs, switches and main fuse boards were maintained in good condition.
- The competent electricians were employed by the factory and the qualification certificates were provided for review.
- 5. Fire Safety
- Evacuation plans were posted in workshop and understood by all interviewed workers.



- Sufficient firefighting equipment such as fire extinguishers, fire alarm and hydrants were in production building. Regular inspections were taken by the factory per month.
- The exit signs and emergency lights were installed on the gates in the workshop.
- Checked the record, the fire drills were conducted in the factory semi-annually, the latest fire drill was conducted on May 12, 2021 and recorded.
- 6. Machinery safety
- All Machines were regularly maintained, and operated in a safe manner.
- The equipment management personnel regularly maintained the equipment and kept the maintenance records.
- 7.Building safety
- The production building of the factory was integrated and safe, But during the document review, it was found that the factory's buildings had not obtained the construction project completion acceptance reports -- NC
- No visible structural integrity issues observed.

8. Hygiene

- The facility was clean and hygienic based site tour.
- Sufficient clean toilets segregated by gender were always available to workers.
- Basic supplies, such as toilet paper, soap were available in the toilets.
- 9. Chemical safety
- Workers at the chemical storage area confirmed that they had been trained on correct handling procedures as well as what to do in an emergency.
- Main chemicals used included hydrochloric acid (HCL), sodium hydroxide(NaOH), sulfuric acid(H2SO4)
- During the plant tour, it was found that there were 2 barrels of antifoaming agent in the production workshop on first floor of xanthan gum without corresponding MSDS. -- NC

10. Worker Heath

- Drinking water was available to workers.
- Ventilation, temperature and lighting were adequate for the production processes.
- The factory had provided pre-job, on-job and post-job occupational disease health examinations to the employees who exposed to occupational hazardous workstation.
- The factory had conducted the annual occupational hazard factor test at the workstation where the factors existed.
- 11 Canteen
- The factory canteen was clean and hygienic, with food service certificate, and all the cooks had the health certificates. But during the plant tour, it was found there was no emergency evacuation map in the factory canteen. -- NC
- 12. Dormitory
- The dormitory was safe and hygienic. Each employee had a private locker to store personal belongings.

### Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

#### Details:

- 1. Health and safety policy.
- 2. Health and safety manual.
- 3. Training records.
- 4. Fire equipment maintenance records.
- 5. Fire drill and evacuation drill records.
- 6. License/permit/testing report of fire safety
- 7. Chemical list and MSDS for each chemical
- 8. Trained First Aider Certificates
- 9. Risk assessment
- 10. Machine and Vehicles maintenance records
- 11. Blank Accident record



12. Electrician qualification cer	tificates
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13. portable water test report

14. ISO45001:2018 Certificate

15. Food service certificate and heath certificates of food operators.

A: Does the facility have general and occupational Health & Safety policies and procedures that are fit for purpose and are these communicated to workers?	Yes No A1: Please give details: The factory had occupational health & safety policies and procedures which were communicated to workers.	
B: Are the policies included in workers' manuals?	Yes No B1: Please give details: The EHS policies were included in Employee's manual.	
C: Are there any structural additions without required permits/inspections (e.g. floors added)?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>C1: Please give details: There was no structural additions without required permits/inspections.</li> </ul>	
D: Are visitors to the site informed on H&S and provided with personal protective equipment	Yes No D1: Please give details: The factory provided on-site safety precautions and training materials when went to the workshop and suitable PPE were provided.	
E: Is a medical room or medical facility provided for workers? If yes, do the room(s) meet legal requirements and is the size/number of rooms suitable for the number of workers.	Yes No E1: Please give details: No local legal requirement of medical room for such kind of factory, while there were first aid kits on site.	
F: Is there a doctor or nurse on site or there is easy access to first aider/ trained medical aid?	Yes No F1: Please give details: There were 5 qualified first aiders in factory.	
G: Where the facility provides worker transport - is it fit for purpose, safe, maintained and operated by competent persons e.g. buses and other vehicles?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>G1: Please give details: The factory did not provide transport to workers, all workers lived in the factory dormitory.</li> </ul>	
H: Is secure personal storage space provided for workers in their living space and is fit for purpose?	Yes No H1: Please give details: Secure personal storage space was provided to workers who lived in dormitory rooms	
I: Are H&S Risk assessments are conducted (including evaluating the arrangements for workers doing overtime e.g. driving after a long shift)	Yes No 11: Please give details: EHS risk assessments were conducted regularly with actions implementation. For example: in	



and are there controls to reduce identified risk?	production workshop, the key risk was noise, earplugs were provided to reduce the identified risk.
J: Is the site meeting its legal obligations on environmental requirements including required permits for use and disposal of natural resources?	Yes No J1: Please give details: The factory had entrusted a qualified third party to compile the environmental impact assessment report, obtained approval document for Environmental impact assessment report, and conducted the acceptance of completed environmental protection facilities.
K: Is the site meeting its customer requirements on environmental standards, including the use of banned chemicals?	Yes No K1: Please give details: The facility had a copy of the banned substance list from its customer and meets those requirements.

Non-compliance:		
<ol> <li>Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI NC against Local Law NC against customer code: During the plant tour, it was found that there were 2 barrels of antifoaming agent in the production workshop on first floor of xanthan gum without corresponding MSDS.</li> <li>Local law and/or ETI requirement : In accordance with Article 27 of the Regulation For Chemical Usage Safety in Work Place: Staff and workers are entitled to receive: (1) Date and information in description of the specific characteristics, hazardous ingredients, and safety precaution marks of the chemicals to be used in the working premises, and instructions upon safety techniques, etc. (2) Information concerning the probability of occurrence of harm against safety and health of staff and workers caused by hazardous chemicals in the working process. (3) Trainings upon safety techniques, including trainings with regard to prevention and control, and danger-avoiding methods, handling of emergency cases, or emergency measures. (4) Labor protection articles in conformity to State stipulations. ETI Base Code 3.1 A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to</li> </ol>	Objective evidence observed: Factory tour, employees and management interview NC photo 1	
health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.		
Recommended corrective action: The factory should ensure that all chemicals being used in the factory have complete safety data sheet for products (SDS) which are also provided to the relevant employees handling chemicals in the factory.		
2. Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI NC against Local Law NC against customer code: During the document audit, it was found that the factory's buildings had not	Factory tour,	
obtained the construction project completion acceptance reports.		



<ul> <li>Local law and/or ETI requirement:</li> <li>In accordance with Article 61 of Construction Law of the People's Republic of China, construction projects having been completed and accepted through examination shall meet the stipulated quality standards on construction projects, have complete technical and economic data of projects and warranties issued by builders, and satisfy other requirements set out by the state for the completion of construction projects.</li> <li>Only after a completed construction project is proved to meet the standards through examination can it be delivered for use. Construction projects having not been examined and accepted or having failed in examination shall not be delivered for use.</li> <li>ETI Base Code 3.1 A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.</li> <li>Recommended corrective action:</li> </ul>	interview
<ul> <li>construction projects for factory buildings are performed.</li> <li><b>3. Description of non-compliance:</b></li> <li>NC against ETI NC against Local Law NC against customer code:</li> <li>During the plant tour, it was found there was no emergency evacuation map in the factory canteen.</li> </ul>	Factory tour, and management
<ul> <li>Local law and/or ETI requirement:</li> <li>In accordance with Article 16 of the Fire Control Law of the People's Republic of China, Organs, groups, enterprises and institutions, etc shall fulfill the following duties on fire control: 1. carry out fire control safety responsibility system, formulate fire control safety regulations and fire control safety operation procedures and formulate preproposal on fire control and emergency evacuation.</li> <li>ETI Base Code 3.1 A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.</li> </ul>	interview
<b>Recommended corrective action:</b> The factory should ensure that the emergency evacuation maps are prepared and posted in all factory buildings.	

Observation:	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement:	

and management



Recommended corrective action:	

Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:



#### 4: Child Labour Shall Not Be Used

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4.1 There shall be no new recruitment of child labour.

4.2 Companies shall develop or participate in and contribute to policies and programmes which provide for the transition of any child found to be performing child labour to enable her or him to attend and remain in quality education until no longer a child.

4.3 Children and young persons under 18 shall not be employed at night or in hazardous conditions.4.4 These policies and procedures shall conform to the provisions of the relevant ILO Standards.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### Current systems:

- 1. The facility had established the recruitment procedure to ensure no recruitment of child labour.
- 2. All employees should be only hired by the HR department of the facility but not by any other department.
- 3. Employees' ID and photo should be checked. The employees without valid ID certificates should not be hired.
- 4. The roster and personnel files showed that the youngest employee of the facility was 20 years old.
- 5. The factory established a policy to protect young worker, which stated that the employer should arrange regular health checks for young workers, register in the local labour office as local law required, and no hazardous posts should be arranged to young workers.
- 6. The factory established child labour remediation procedure. No child labour was found during the audit.

# Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Recruitment procedure.
- 2. Latest employee list.
- 3. Personnel files of all workers.
- 4. The facility's policy on child labour and young worker.

Any other comments: None

A: Legal age of employment:	16
B: Age of youngest worker found:	20
C: Are there children present on the work floor but not working at the time of audit?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
D: % of under 18's at this site (of total workers)	0 %



E: Are workers under 18 subject to hazardous work assignments? (Go to clause 3 – Health and Safety) (Go to clause 3 – Health and Safety)	
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Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI         NC against Local Law         NC against customer         code:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement:	observed.
Comments:	

	Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):		Objective Evidence Observed:



#### 5: Living Wages are Paid

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5.1 Wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards or industry benchmark standards, whichever is higher. In any event wages should always be enough to meet basic needs and to provide some discretionary income.

5.2 All workers shall be provided with written and understandable information about their employment conditions in respect to wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid.

5.3 Deductions from wages as a disciplinary measure shall not be permitted nor shall any deductions from wages not provided for by national law be permitted without the expressed permission of the worker concerned. All disciplinary measures should be recorded.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. The factory established the compensation and benefits management procedure, wages were paid on time.
- 2. The local legal minimum wage was RMB 1700 per month (RMB9.77 per hour). The factory paid at least RMB 1900 per Month (RMB10.92 per hour) as normal wage to workers which was above the local legal requirement.
- 3. Payroll records from May 2020 to April 2021 were provided by the factory for checks. All workers were paid by hourly wages.
- 4. Based on the recent 3 months' invoice receipts from February to April 2021, the factory provided the 5 mandatory social insurance: accident, medical, maternity, unemployment insurance, retirement insurance to all employees.
- 5. Workers worked in 3 shifts with 4 group and each shift working hours is 8 hours, so no overtime work in normal working day. The factory paid 200% and 300% of regular rate for weekend overtime hours and statutory holidays overtime hours respectively.
- 6. All workers were paid before the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month by bank transfer system and each worker was given a pay slip.
- 7. Workers understood their wages, including clear contractual clauses, time recording systems and payslips
- 8. The factory had provided annual leaves, breastfeeding leave and maternity leave and so on for workers according to the benefit policy.
- 9. The employees who violated the factory rules would be warned, gigged or fired, no monetary fine for disciplinary purpose.

# Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Social insurance receipt
- 2. Payrolls record from May 2020 to April 2021.
- 3. Attendance records from 1st May 2020 to the audit day
- 4. Leave request from employees.



5. Wages and benefits policy.

- 6. Local legal min wage documents.
- 7. Resignation records.
- 8. Contracts

Any other comments: None

Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI       NC against Local Law         NC against ETI       NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement:	observed.
Comments:	

Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:

#### Summary Information

Criteria	Local Law (Please state legal requirement)	Actual at the Site (Record site results against the law)	Is this part of a Collective Bargaining Agreement?
A: Standard/Contracted work hours: (Maximum legal and actual required working hours excluding overtime, please state if possible per day, week, and month)	Legal maximum: 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week	A1: 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week	A2: Yes No
B: Overtime hours: (Maximum legal and actual overtime hours, please state if possible per day, week, and month)	Legal maximum: 3 hours a day, 36 hours a month	B1: 0 hours in normal working day, 8 hours in a week, 32 hours a month in May 2020;	B2: □ Yes ⊠ No



		0 hours in normal working day, 8 in a week and total 32 hours a month in October 2020; 0 hours in normal working day, 8 hours in a week and total 24 hours a month in April 2021.	
C: Wage for standard/contracted hours: (Minimum legal and actual minimum wage at site, please state if possible per hr, day, week, and month)	Legal minimum: RMB 1700 per month (9.77 per hour)	C1: At least RMB 1900 per month (10.92 per hour)	C2: Yes No
D: Overtime wage: (Minimum legal and actual minimum overtime wage at site, please state if possible per hr, day, week, and month)	Legal minimum: 150%, 200% and 300% of normal wages for overtime on weekdays, weekends and statutory holidays respectively	D1: 200% and 300% of regular rate for weekend overtime hours and statutory holidays overtime hours respectively, no OT in working days	D2: ☐ Yes ⊠ No

Wages analysis: (Click here to return to Key Information)			
A: Were accurate records shown at the first request?	⊠ Yes □ No		
A1: If <b>No</b> , why not?	N/A		
B: Sample Size Checked (State number of worker records checked and from which weeks/months – should be current, peak, and random/low. Please see SMETA Best Practice Guidance and Measurement Criteria)	42 samples from May 2020 (random month) 42 samples from October 2020 (random month) 42 samples from April 2021 (current month)		
C: Are there different legal minimum wage grades? If <b>Yes</b> , please specify all.	☐ Yes ⊠ No	C1: If <b>Yes</b> , please give details: N/A	



D: If there are different legal minimum grades, are all workers graded and paid correctly?	☐ Yes ☐ No ⊠ N/A		D1: If <b>No</b> , please give details: N/A		
E: For the lowest paid production workers, are wages paid for standard/contracted hours (excluding overtime) below or above the legal minimum?	☐ Below legal min ☐ Meet ⊠ Above		E1: Lowest actual wages found: Note: full time employees and please state hour / week / month etc. Local minimum wage standards: RMB 1700 per month (9.77 per hour). The lowest basic wage paid to workers was RMB 1900 per month equivalent to RMB 10.92 per hour.		
F: Please indicate the breakdown of workforce per earnings:	F2:% of workfo		orkforce earning under minimum wage orkforce earning minimum wage f workforce earning above minimum wage		
G: Bonus Scheme found: Please specify details:	Bonus Scheme found: Note: type of employee (e.g. full time, temp, etc.) and please state which units e.g. /hour /week /month etc. The factory provided post allowance to employees.				
H: What deductions are required by law e.g. social insurance? Please state all types:	Social insurance, personal income tax		ne tax		
I: Have these deductions been made?	X Yes	11: Plea deduc <b>have</b> b	ction		1. social insurance 2. personal income tax Please describe:
		l2: Plea deduc <b>have r</b> made	tion <b>ot</b> b	s that	1. 2. Please describe:
J: Were appropriate records available to verify hours of work and wages?	Yes				
K: Were any inconsistencies found? (if yes describe nature)	☐ Yes ⊠ No			🗌 Isolate	ecord keeping ed incident ated occurrence:
L: Do records reflect all time worked? (For instance, are workers asked to attend meetings before or after work but not paid for their time)	Yes No L1: Please give details: The provided attendance records reflect all working time of workers; this was confirmed through worker interview.				
M: Is there a defined living wage:	☐ Yes ⊠ No M1: Please specify amount/time: N/A				



This is <u>not normally</u> minimum legal wage. If answered yes, please state amount and source of info: Please see SMETA Best Practice Guidance and Measurement Criteria.	
M2: If yes, what was the calculation method used.	ISEAL/Anker Benchmarks         Asia Floor Wage         Figures provided by Unions         Living Wage Foundation UK         Fair Wear Wage Ladder         Fairtrade Foundation         Other – please give details: N/A
N: Are there periodic reviews of wages? If Yes give details (include whether there is consideration to basic needs of workers plus discretionary income).	Yes No N1: Please give details: Basic needs of job workers plus discretionary income was considered by the factory to decide the lowest wage level annually
O: Are workers paid in a timely manner in line with local law?	∑ Yes □ No
P: Is there evidence that equal rates are being paid for equal work:	Yes No P1: Please give details: Through factory rules review, payroll records review and employee's interviews, it was confirmed that equal rates are being paid for equal work
Q: How are workers paid:	<ul> <li>□ Cash</li> <li>□ Cheque</li> <li>⊠ Bank Transfer</li> <li>□ Other</li> <li>Q1: If other, please explain:</li> </ul>



#### 6: Working Hours are not Excessive

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6.1 Working hours must comply with national laws, collective agreements, and the provisions of 6.2 to 6.6 below, whichever affords the greater protection for workers. Sub–clauses 6.2 to 6.6 are based on international labour standards.

6.2 Working hours, excluding overtime, shall be defined by contract, and shall not exceed 48 hours per week.

6.3 All overtime shall be voluntary. Overtime shall be used responsibly, taking into account all the following: the extent, frequency and hours worked by individual workers and the workforce as a whole. It shall not be used to replace regular employment. Overtime shall always be compensated at a premium rate, which is recommended to be not less than 125% of the regular rate of pay.

6.4 The total hours worked in any 7-day period shall not exceed 60 hours, except where covered by clause 6.5 below.

6.5 Working hours may exceed 60 hours in any 7-day period only in exceptional circumstances where <u>all</u> of the following are met:

- this is allowed by national law;

- this is allowed by a collective agreement freely negotiated with a workers' organisation representing a significant portion of the workforce;

- appropriate safeguards are taken to protect the workers' health and safety; and

- The employer can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply such as unexpected production peaks, accidents or emergencies.

6.6 Workers shall be provided with at least one day off in every 7-day period or, where allowed by national law, 2 days off in every 14-day period.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### Current systems:

- 1. The facility had established Working Hours Management Procedure to ensure working hours meet the legal/ETI requirements, including
  - a. documented knowledge of the legislation and international labour standards as part of a policy on working hours.
  - b. procedures for recording and monitoring working hours;
  - c. monitoring systems that allows to regulate working hours;
- 2. Staffs and workers used fingerprint-scanning machine to record their working hours.
- 3. All the employees interviewed stated that they worked overtime on voluntary basis.
- 4. The factory implemented 8 hours, 5 days per week as regular working hour system. Production workers worked in 3 shifts with 4 groups (8 hours per shift, shift working times were 9:00 -17:00, 17:00-01:00, and 01:00-09:00, switched to another shift in every 3 days). Regular time of office staffs was 9:00-18:00 with one hour lunch time.
- 5. Through the employee interview and document review, thel production records, leave records and information obtained from the interview were consistent with the provided attendance records. Reviewing time records of 42 samples in May 2020, October 2020 and April 2021 respectively,



the maximum monthly OT hours were 32, 32 and 24 hours respectively and the maximum weekly working hours were 48 hours, and all workers had at least one day off every seven days.

# Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Local and national laws
- 2. Factory policy on working hours
- 3. Attendance records
- 4. Sample pay slips with recorded hours all workers interviewed
- 5. Workers contracts
- 6. 3 months' hours record to establish the highest and lowest hours over all employees
- 7. Quality and production records to cross check hours

Any other comments: None

Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI       NC against Local Law         NC against ETI       NC against Local Law         NC against ETI       NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:		
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law or ETI requirement:	observed.	
Comments:		

	Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):		Objective Evidence Observed:

#### Working hours' analysis

Please include time e.g. hour/week/month

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Systems & Processes



A. What timekeeping systems are used: time card etc.	Describe: Fingerprint scanning machine				
B: Is sample size same as in wages section?	∑ Yes □ No B1: If no, please give details : N/A				
C: Are standard/contracted working hours defined in <b>all</b> contracts/employment agreements?	Yes No No No C1: If NO, please give details including % and which type of workers do NOT have standard hours defined in contracts/employment agreements. Please give details: N/A				
D: Are there any other types of	☐ Yes ⊠ No	D1: If YES	, please complete	e as appropriate:	
contracts/employment agreements used?		0 hrs	Part time	Variable hrs	Other
		If "Other'	', Please define:	•	
E. Do any standard/contracted working hours defined in contracts/employment agreements exceed 48 hours per week?	☐ Yes ⊠ No	and freq	-	urs, %, types of work	ers affected
F: Are workers provided with at least 1 day off in every 7-day-period, or 2 in 14-day-period?	F2: Please select all applicable: 1 in 7 days 2 in 14 days No If 'No', please explain:	F3: Is this Yes No	allowed by local I	am5	
	Maximum numbe	er of days	worked without a	day off (in sample)	
	3 days for all sampled worker, 5 days for office staffs				
Standard/Contracted He	ours worked				
G: Were standard		G1: If yes, % of workers & frequency:			
working hours over 48 hours per week found?	No	N/A			
	☐ Yes	H1: If yes	, please give detc	ails:	



H: Any local waivers/local law or permissions which allow averaging/annualised hours for this site?	No No	N/A	
Overtime Hours worked			
I: Actual overtime hours worked in sample (State per day/week/month)	Highest OT hours: 0 hours in working day, 8 hours in a week and total 32 hours a month in May 2020; 0 hours in working day, 8 hours in a week and total 32 hours a month in Oct. 2021; 0 hours in working day, 8 hours in a week and total 24 hours a month in Apr. 2021		
J: Combined hours (standard or contracted + overtime hours = total) over 60 found? Please give details:	☐ Yes ⊠ No		
K: Approximate percentage of total workers on highest overtime hours:	50%		
L: Is overtime voluntary?	Yes No Conflicting Information	L1: Please detail evidence e.g. Wording of contract / employment agreement / handbook / worker interviews / refusal arrangements: Based on workers interview, overtime was voluntary.	
Overtime Premiums			
M: Are the correct legal overtime premiums paid?	Yes No N/A – there is no legal requirement to OT premium	M1: Please give details of normal day overtime premium as a % of <u>standard</u> wages: 150%, 200% and 300% of normal wages for overtime on weekdays, weekends and statutory holidays respectively	
N: Is overtime paid at a premium?	X Yes No	N1: If yes, please describe % of workers & frequency: 200% and 300% of normal wages for overtime on weekend and statutory holidays respectively. No overtime working in working days.	
O: If the site pays less than 125% OT premium and this is allowed under local law, are there other considerations? Please	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>Consolidated pay (May be standard wages above minimum legal wage, with no/low overtime premium)</li> <li>Collective Bargaining agreements</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>		



complete the boxes where relevant.	O1: Please explain any checked boxes above e.g. detail of consolidated pay / CBA or Other	
	N/A	
P: If more than 60 total hours per week and this is legally allowed, are there other considerations? Please	<ul> <li>Overtime is voluntary</li> <li>Onsite Collective bargaining allows 60+ hours/week</li> <li>Safeguards are in place to protect worker's health and safety</li> <li>Site can demonstrate exceptional circumstances</li> <li>Other reasons (please specify)</li> </ul>	
complete the boxes where relevant.	P1: Please explain any checked boxes above e.g. detail of consolidated pay / CBA or other:	
	N/A	
Q: Is there evidence that overtime hours are being used for extended periods to make up for labour shortages or increased order volumes?	☐ Yes ∑ No Q1: If yes, please give details: N/A	
R: If sufficient workers cannot be hired, are new working time arrangements explored to ensure that overtime is the exception rather than the rule.	∑ Yes □ No	



#### 7: No Discrimination is Practiced

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#### ETI

7.1 There is no discrimination in hiring, compensation, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement based on race, caste, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, union membership or political affiliation.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### Current systems:

1. Anti-discrimination policy was established to eliminate the discrimination in the workplace and HR manager was responsible for the management of this item of the code.

- 2. The facility provides the same pay to male/female employees.
- 3. Interviewees stated they did not experience and never heard of reporting issues of discrimination.
- 4. There was no discrimination in hiring, compensation, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement.
- 5. No medical testing for pregnancy or examinations of the hepatitis B virus and HIV was found or reported;
- 6. Anonymous report channel was provided for all employees to report discrimination issues.

## Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. The hiring and termination procedure, leave application records and employee handbook.
- 2. Payroll records.
- 3. Attendance records.
- 4. Termination and resignation records.
- 5. Training records.
- 6. Complaint records

### Any other comments:

None

A: Gender breakdown of Management + Supervisors (Include as one combined group)	A1: Male: _92 % A2: Female8 %
B: Number of women who are in skilled or technical roles e.g. where specific qualifications are needed i.e. machine engineer / laboratory analyst:	17
C: Is there any evidence of discrimination based on race, caste, national origin, religion, age, disability,	<ul> <li>Hiring</li> <li>Compensation</li> <li>Access to training</li> <li>Promotion</li> </ul>



gender, marital status, sexual orientation, union membership or political affiliation?:	<ul> <li>Termination or retirement</li> <li>No evidence of discrimination found</li> </ul>
	C1: Please give details: N/A

# Professional Development A: What type of training and development are available for workers? New employees' probation training on EHS, HR policies, Technical training on machine operation, three-level safety training, job skills, etc.

B: Are HR decisions e.g. promotion, training, compensation based on	Yes No
objective, transparent criteria?	If no, please give details: N/A

Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI       NC against Local Law         NC against ETI       NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement:	observed.
Comments:	

Good Exam	ples observed:
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:



#### 8: Regular Employment Is Provided

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#### ETI

8.1 To every extent possible work performed must be on the basis of recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

8.2 Obligations to employees under labour or social security laws and regulations arising from the regular employment relationship shall not be avoided through the use of labour–only contracting, sub–

contracting, or home-working arrangements, or through apprenticeship schemes where there is no real intent to impart skills or provide regular employment, nor shall any such obligations be avoided through the excessive use of fixed-term contracts of employment.

#### Additional Elements: Responsible Recruitment

8.3 Suppliers have full understanding of the entire recruitment process and assess all labour recruiters and intermediaries against legal and/or ethical requirements.

8.4 There are effective management systems in place to identify and monitor the hiring and management of all migrant workers, contract workers, agency workers, temporary or casual labour The supplier shall implement processes to enable adequate control over agencies with regards the above points and related legislation.

8.5 Employment agencies must only supply workers registered with them.

8.6 Workers pay no recruitment fee at any stage of the recruitment process.

8.7 Worker contracts accurately reflect the agreed payment and terms in the recruitment process and are understood and signed by workers.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### Current systems:

- 1. All employees were recruited by the factory directly. No labor agency was used to hire workers. No temporary worker, apprenticeship schemes or home worker was identified by the auditors.
- 2. The factory signed labor contract with all employees within one month after employment and issued one copy to them.
- 3. No contractor workers were working on-site.
- 4. All workers understand their terms of employment.

Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. The hiring and termination practices.
- 2. Personnel files.
- 3. Payroll records were provided for review.
- 4. Labor contracts

Any other comments: None

Non-compliance:



<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI         NC against Local Law         NC against customer         code:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement:	00001704.
Comments:	

Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:

## **Responsible Recruitment**

All Workers	
A: Were all workers presented with terms of employment at the time of recruitment, did they understand them and are they same as current conditions?	<ul> <li>Terms &amp; Conditions presented</li> <li>Understood by workers</li> <li>Same as actual conditions</li> <li>A1: If any are unchecked, please describe finding and specific category(ies) of workers affected: N/A</li> </ul>
B: Did workers' pay any fees, taxes, deposits or bonds for the purpose of recruitment/placement?	☐ Yes ⊠ No B1: If yes, please describe details and specific category(ies) of workers affected:



C: If yes, check all that apply:	Recruitment / hiring fees         Service fees         Application costs         Recommendation fees         Placement fees         Administrative, overhead or processing fees         Skills tests         Certifications         Medical screenings         Passports/ID's         Work / resident permits         Birth certificates         Police clearance fees         Any transport costs between work place and home         Any relocation costs after commencement of employment         New hire training / orientation fees         Medical exam fees         Deposit bonds or other deposits         Any other non-monetary assets         Other –         C1: If other, please give details: N/A
D: If any checked, give details:	N/A

#### Migrant Workers: The term "migrant worker" refers to a person who is engaged or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a country of which they are not a national or permanent resident or has purposely migrated on a temporary basis to another in-country region to seek and engage in a remunerated activity A: Type of work undertaken by Same work type as local workers, no difference. migrant workers: B: Please give details about B1: Total number of (in country recruitment agencies) used: 0 recruitment agencies for migrant workers: B2: Total number of (outside of local country) recruitment agencies used: 0 **T**Yes C2: Observations: N/A C: Are migrant workers' voluntary deductions (such as for remittances) confirmed in writing by the worker and C1: Please describe is evidence of the transaction supplied finding: by the facility to the worker? N/A 🛛 Yes D: Are Any migrant workers in skilled, technical, or management roles D1: If yes, number and example of roles: There were 23 migrant Migrant Workers (this should include all employees in management roles and 19 migrant workers in migrant workers including permanent skilled and technical roles. workers, temporary and/or seasonal workers)



#### **NON-EMPLOYEE WORKERS**

Recruitment Fees:	
A: Are there any fees?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
B: If yes, check all that apply:	Recruitment / hiring fees         Service fees         Application costs         Recommendation fees         Placement fees         Administrative, overhead or processing fees         Skills tests         Certifications         Medical screenings         Passports/ID's         Work / resident permits         Birth certificates         Police clearance fees         Any transportation and lodging costs after employment offer         Any transport costs between work place and home         Any relocation costs after commencement of employment         New hire training / orientation fees         Medical exam fees         Deposit bonds or other deposits         Any other non-monetary assets         Other         B1 – If other, please give details:
C: If any checked, give details:	N/A

#### Agency Workers (if applicable)

(workers sourced from a local agent who are not directly paid by the site, but paid by the agency, Usually the agencies are paid by the site and the wages of the individual workers are paid by the agency.)

A: Number of agencies used (average):	A1: Names if available: 0
B: Were agency workers' age / pay / hours included within the scope of this audit?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A
C: Were sufficient documents for agency workers available for review?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A
D: Is there a legal contract / agreement with all agencies?	☐ Yes ☐ No D1: Please give details: N/A



E: Does the site have a system for	☐ Yes
checking labour standards of	☐ No
agencies?	E1: Please give details:
If yes, please give details.	N/A

<b>Contractors:</b> Note: contractors in this context are generally individuals who supply several workers to a site. Usually the contractors are paid by the site and the wages of the workers are paid by the contractor. Common terms include, gang bosses, labor provider,		
A: Any contractors on site?	<ul> <li>☐ Yes</li> <li>⊠ No</li> <li>A1: If yes, how many contractors are present, please give details: N/A</li> </ul>	
B: If <b>Yes</b> , how many workers supplied by contractors?	N/A	
C: Do all contractor workers understand their terms of employment?	Yes No C1: Please describe finding: N/A	
D: If <b>Yes</b> , please give evidence for contractor workers being paid per law:	N/A	



#### 8A: Sub–Contracting and Homeworking

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8A.1 There should be no sub-contracting unless previously agreed with the main client.
 8A.2 Systems and processes should be in place to manage sub-contracting, homeworking and external processing.

Note to auditor on homeworking:

Report on whether it is direct or via agents. How many workers, relationship with site and what control systems are in place.

Note to auditor on subcontracting: auditor should use this section for subcontractors of part made or wholly made finished goods, this section should not be used for raw material manufacturers unless instructed otherwise by customers

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### **Current systems:**

- 1. The factory had established subcontractor management procedures, there was no home worker found during this audit.
- 2. If the client's products need subcontractor, the factory would inform the client, no evidence of Sub-Contracting was detected regarding this section.
- 3. Based on the site tour, the factory had all kinds of equipment to produce customers' products, all the production processes were on site.
- 4. By checking the production records, quality records, warehouse records and order information, no subcontractor was used by the factory.

## Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Production records
- 2. Quality records.
- 3. Payroll records were provided for review.
- 4. Goods coming out and in records

Any other comments: None

Non-compliance:			
<ul> <li><b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b></li> <li>NC against ETI/Additional Elements</li> <li>NC against customer code:</li> </ul>	NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI /Additional Elements re			
Recommended corrective action:			



Observation:		
	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law or ETI/Additional elements requirement:		
Comments:		

Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:	

Summary of sub-contracting – if applicable Not Applicable please x		
A: Has the auditor made a simple calculation to compare capacity with workers' work load in order to identify possible unrecorded work or undeclared sub-contracting	☐ Yes ☐ No A1: Please describe: N/A	
B: If sub–contractors are used, is there evidence this has been agreed with the main client?	☐ Yes ☐ No B1: If <b>Yes</b> , summarise details: N/A	
C: Number of sub- contractors/agents used:	N/A	
D: Is there a site policy on sub- contracting?	☐ Yes ☐ No D1: If <b>Yes</b> , summarise details: N/A	
E: What checks are in place to ensure no child labour is being used and work is safe?	N/A	

Summary of homeworking – if applicable			
A: If homeworking is being used, is there evidence this has been agreed with the main client? A1: If <b>Yes</b> , summarise details: N/A			
B: Number of homeworkers	B1: Male: N/A B2: Female: N/A Total: N/A		Total: N/A
C: Are homeworkers employed direct or through agents?	byed Directly C1: If through agents, number of agents:		



	N/A	
		N/A
D: Is there a site policy on homeworking?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A	
E: How does the site ensure worker hours and pay meet local laws for homeworkers?	N/A	
F: What processes are carried out by homeworkers?	N/A	
G: Do any contracts exist for homeworkers?	☐ Yes ☐ No G1: Please give details: N/A	
H: Are full records of homeworkers available at the site?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A	



#### 9: No Harsh or Inhumane Treatment is Allowed (Click here to return to summary of findings)

ETI

9.1 Physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation shall be prohibited.

Additional elements:

9.2 companies should provide access to a confidential grievance mechanism for all workers

A: Are there published, anonymous and/or open channels available for reporting any violations of Labour standards and H&S or any other grievances to a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party?	Yes No A1: Please give details: Workers could report the human rights and H&S issues to local government departments, such as labour protection bureau, Safety Administration Bureau or to local media
B: If <b>Yes</b> , are workers aware of these channels and have access? Please give details.	Yes, during interview, workers stated that they knew the channel to report any concerns.
C: If yes, what type of mechanism is used e.g. hotline, whistle blowing mechanism, comment box etc. Please give details.	Hotlines
D: Which of the following groups is there a grievance mechanism in place for?	<ul> <li>Workers</li> <li>Communities</li> <li>Suppliers</li> <li>Other</li> <li>D1: Please give details: Workers could raise grievances to worker representatives, supervisors, team leaders, or managers directly or to top management through suggestion boxes, hotline, WeChat. Communities and suppliers could raise grievance through hotline.</li> </ul>
E: Are there any open disputes?	☐ Yes ⊠ No E1: If yes, please give details N/A
F: Does the site encourage its business partners (e.g. suppliers) to provide individuals and communities with access to effective grievance mechanisms (e.g. helplines or whistle blowing mechanism) G: Is there a published and transparent disciplinary procedure?	<ul> <li>∑ Yes</li> <li>☐ No</li> <li>F1: If no, please give details N/A</li> <li>∑ Yes</li> <li>☐ No</li> </ul>
	G1: If no, please explain N/A



H: If yes, are workers aware of these the disciplinary procedure?	Yes No
	H1: If no, please give details N/A
I: Does the disciplinary procedure allow for deductions from wages (fines) for disciplinary purposes (see wages	☐ Yes ⊠ No
section)?	11: If yes, please give details N/A

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### **Current systems:**

1. According to the documentation, the factory management had established a disciplinary procedure for all employees' misbehaviour which included oral warning, written warning and finally termination and the site, had developed a training program for all employees on the procedure. Worker interview confirmed that workers were aware of the disciplinary procedure;

2. As per management interview, document review and workers interview, there was a policy on Harsh Treatment.

3. There was an internal process for grievance, there were suggestion boxes in production workshops, hotline No. was posted on-site, workers could report any grievances (harassment, bullying, discrimination etc.); any received complaint would be handled by management, without any reprisal for the worker in question.

# Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. The relevant policy on prevention of harassment and abuse
- 2. Internal grievance procedure documentation.
- 3. Training records
- 4. Complaint records,
- 5. Disciplinary records

Any other comments: None

Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI       NC against Local Law         NC against ETI       NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		



Observation:		
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law or ETI requirement:		
Comments:		

Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:	



#### 10. Other Issue areas: 10A: Entitlement to Work and Immigration

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#### **Additional Elements**

10A.1 Only workers with a legal right to work shall be employed or used by the supplier. 10A.2 All workers, including employment agency staff, must be validated by the supplier for their legal right to work by reviewing original documentation.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- During document review, factory management representation and worker interview, all workers in the factory were Chinese. All workers had the proper legal rights to work in this region. The youngest age was 20 years old. All of them were recruited directly by the factory and no agency was involved in factory's recruitment processes.
- 2. No agency staff or foreign worker was used by the factory.

## Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):

Details:

- 1. Hiring procedure.
- 2. Personnel files.
- 3. Worker handbook.

Any other comments: None

Non-compliance:		
1. Description of non–compliance: NC against ETI/Additional Elements NC NC against customer code:	against Local Law	Objective evidence observed:
Local law and/or ETI /Additional Elements requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:		
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law or ETI/Additional Elements requirement:		
Comments:		



Good examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:	



#### 10. Other issue areas 10B4: Environment 4-Pillar

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To be completed for a 4–Pillar SMETA Audit and remove the previous page which is 10B2 environment 2 pillar

#### **B.4. Compliance Requirements**

10B4.1 Businesses as a minimum must meet the requirements of local and national laws related to environmental standards.

10B4.2 Where it is a legal requirement, businesses must be able to demonstrate that they have the relevant valid permits including for use and disposal of resources e.g. water, waste etc.

10B4.3 Businesses shall be aware of their end client's environmental standards/code requirements 10B4.4 Suppliers should have an environmental policy, covering their environmental impact, which is communicated to all appropriate parties, including its own suppliers.

10B4.5 Suppliers shall be aware of the significant environmental impact of their site and its processes. 10B4.6 The site should measure its impacts, including continuous recording and regular reviews of use and discharge of natural resources e.g. energy use, water use (see 4–pillar audit report and audit checks for details).

10B4.7 Businesses shall make continuous improvements in their environmental performance.

10B4.8 Businesses shall have available for review any environmental certifications or any environmental management systems documentation

10B4.9 Businesses should have a nominated individual responsible for co-ordinating the site's efforts to improve environmental performance.

#### **B4. Guidance for Observations**

10B4.10 Suppliers should have completed the appropriate section of the SAQ and made it available to the auditor.

10B4.11 Has the site recently been subject to (or pending) any fines/prosecutions for noncompliance to environmental regulations.

Note for auditors and readers. This environment section is intended to take not more than 0.25 auditor days. It is an assessment only and the main requirement is to establish whether a site is meeting applicable environmental laws and/or has any certifications or environmental management systems in place. Following this assessment, the client/supplier may decide a full environmental audit is required (see also best practice guidance/environment and guidance for auditor)

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

To complete 'current systems' Auditors examine policies and written procedures in conjunction with relevant managers, to understand, and record what controls and processes are currently in place e.g. record what policies are in place, what relevant procedures are carried out, who is/are responsible for the management of this item of the code. Evidence checked should detail any documentary or verbal evidence shown to support the systems.

#### Current systems:

- 1. The facility had a written environmental policy.
- 2. The environmental impact assessment was conducted, and its approval issued by local environmental protection bureau was obtained, acceptance report of its completed environmental protection facility and Pollutant Discharge Permit were also obtained.
- 3. The significant environmental impact was clearly identified.
- 4. The exhausted air, wastewater, boundary noise were annually tested, the test result in 2020 showed they met legal requirements.
- 5. Hazardous waste was transferred and disposed by qualified vendor
- 6. Mr. Qianzhi Zhuan/ Vice GM was the responsible person of environmental issues.
- 7. Employees received environmental protection training.
- 8. The facility was not subjected to any fines/prosecutions for non-compliance to environmental regulations.
- 9. The facility established environmental management procedures and an environmental management committee to implement the control measures on environment protection.



10. The factory obtained ISO14001: 2015 certificate.
Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):
Details:

The environment policy.
Training records.
Environmental certificates/permits.
Energy bill
Annual test report on environmental factors (air, noise, wastewater)
ISO14001: 2015 certificate
Hazardous waste transfer/disposal records

Any other comments:

None

Non-compliance:		
<b>1. Description of non-compliance:</b> NC against ETI/Additional Elements         NC against customer code:	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law and/or ETI/Additional Elements requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation:	
Description of observation: Local law or ETI/Additional elements requirements:	Objective evidence observed:
Comments:	

Good examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE):		Objective Evidence Observed:



<b>Environmental Analysis</b> (Site declaration only – this has not been verified by auditor. Please state units in all cases below.)		
A: Is there a manager responsible for Environmental issues (Name and Position):	Mr. Fujiang Han/ System Manager	
B: Has the site conducted a risk assessment on the environmental impact of the site, including implementation of controls to reduce identified risks?	Yes No B1: Please give details: The factory had identified the environmental factors and took corresponding measures to deal with them.	
C: Does the site have a recognised environmental system certification such as ISO 14000 or equivalent? Please give details.	Yes No C1: Please give details: ISO14001:2015 Certificate No.: 00118E34308R1M/3700 Valid from 22, Nov. 2018 to 17, Nov. 2021	
D: Does the site have an Environmental policy? (For guidance, please see Measurement criteria)	Yes No D1: If yes, is it publicly available? The factory had formulated appropriate environmental policies and posted on the bulletin board.	
E: If yes, does it address the key impacts from their operations and their commitment to improvement?	Yes No E1: Please give details: The factory had developed improvement measures for the key environmental factors.	
F: Does the site have a Biodiversity policy? (For guidance, please see Measurement criteria)	🗌 Yes 🖾 No	
G: Is there any other sustainability systems present such as Chain of Custody, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) etc.? Please gives details. (For guidance, please see Measurement criteria)	Yes X No G1: Please give details: The factory did not have other sustainability systems.	
H: Have all legally required permits been shown? Please gives details.	Yes No H1: Please give details: Environmental Impact Assessment report and its approval, Acceptance of environmental construction projects and Pollutant Discharge Permit	
I: Is there a documentation process to record hazardous chemicals used in the manufacturing process?	Yes No N/A I1: Please give details: The factory had established management procedures for hazardous chemicals, maintained records of chemical use and disposal, etc.	
J: Is there a system for managing client's requirements and legislation in the destination	Yes 🗌 No	



countries regarding environmental and chemical issues?	J1: Please give details: The factory had appointed environmental management representative, established procedures for the collection of laws and regulations, and continuously updated environmental and chemical regulations in the customer's home country.	
K: Facility has reduction targets in place for environmental aspects e.g. water consumption and discharge, waste, energy and green-house gas emissions:	Yes No H1: Please give details: The factory had reduction targets in place for environmental aspects e.g. water, electricity, paper consumption, energy savings. Target example: electricity savings of 3% compare with 2020	
L: Facility has evidence of waste recycling and is monitoring volume of waste that is recycled.	Yes No L1: Please give details: The factory classified the wastes and sorted the wastes which could be recycled. In the daily work. The records for recycling were kept.	
M: Does the facility have a system in place for accurately measuring and monitoring consumption of key utilities of water, energy and natural resources that follows recognised protocols or standards?	Yes No M1: Please give details: EHS team was responsible for accurately measuring and monitoring consumption of key utilities of water, energy and natural resources that followed recognised protocols or standards.	
N: Has the facility checked that any Sub- Contracting agencies or business partners operating on the premises have the appropriate permits and licences and are conducting business in line with environmental expectations of the facility?	Yes No N1: Please give details: The factory conducted periodical assessment of environmental performance towards all these vendors .	
Usage/Disch	arge analysis	
Criteria	Previous year: Please state period: April <u>2019</u> <u>to April 2020</u>	Current Year: Please state period: April <u>2020</u> <u>to April 2021</u>
Electricity Usage: Kw/hrs	251950000	277250000
Renewable Energy Usage: Kw/hrs	0	0
Gas Usage: Kw/hrs	0	0
Has site completed any carbon Footprint Analysis?	ted any carbon Footprint Analysis? 🗌 Yes 🛛 No	
If <b>Yes</b> , please state result	N/A	N/A
Water Sources: Please list all sources e.g. lake, river, and local water authority.	Local water authority     Local water authority	



Water Volume Used: (m³)	9180000	8100000
Water Discharged: Please list all receiving waters/recipients.	<ul> <li>public drainage system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>public drainage system</li> </ul>
Water Volume Discharged: (m³)	1268664	1607887
Water Volume Recycled: (m³)	900000	1000000
Total waste Produced (please state units)	48000T	51000T
Total hazardous waste Produced: (please state units)	12.8T	16T
Waste to Recycling: (please state units)	45340T	487111
Waste to Landfill: (please state units)	0 T	0 T
Waste to other: (please give details and state units)	2647.2 T Living waste, packing material	2273 T Living waste, packing material
Total Product Produced (please state units)	45000T per year	30000T per year



#### **10C: Business Ethics – 4-Pillar Audit** (Click here to return to summary of findings)

To be completed for a 4–Pillar SMETA Audit

#### 10C. Compliance Requirements

10C.1 Businesses shall conduct their business ethically without bribery, corruption, or any type of fraudulent Business Practice.

10C.2 Businesses as a minimum must meet the requirements of local and national laws related to bribery, corruption, or any type of fraudulent Business Practices.

10C.3 Where it is a legal requirement, businesses must be able to demonstrate that they comply with all fiscal legislative requirements.

10C.4 Businesses shall have access to a transparent system in place for confidentially reporting, and dealing with unethical Business Ethics without fear of reprisals towards the reporter.

10C.5 Businesses should have a Business Ethics policy, covering bribery, corruption, or any type of fraudulent Business Practice,

10C.6 Businesses should have a designated person responsible for implementing standards concerning Business Ethics

10C.7 Suppliers should ensure that the staff whose job roles carry a higher level of risk in the area of ethical Business Practice e.g. sales, purchasing, logistics are trained on what action to take in the event of an issue arising in their area.

#### 10C. Guidance for Observations

10C.8 Businesses should communicate their Business Ethics policy, covering bribery, corruption, or any type of fraudulent Business Practice to all appropriate parties, including its own suppliers. 10C.9 Has the site recently been subject to (or pending) any fines/prosecutions for non-compliance to Business Ethics regulations. If so is there evidence that sustainable corrective actions have been implemented

Note for auditors and readers. This Business Ethics section is intended to take not more than 0.25 auditor days. It is an assessment not an audit.

#### **Current Systems and Evidence Examined**

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#### Current systems:

- 1. Mr. Qianzhi Zhuan / Vice. GM was the designated person responsible for implementing standards concerning Business Ethics, and that site practices were conducted without any corruption and/or bribery.
- 2. The company established a business ethics policy, which met national regulations / law concerning the relative standards.
- 3. The business ethics policy was communicated to workers through posters and training.
- 4. The site had received the Business Ethics policy of the auditor/audit company.
- 5. There was an internal grievance process, and there was a suggestion box sited in the workshop.
- 6. The factory also communicated the company's business ethics policies to stakeholders. The factory had appointed one administrator to receive complaints and suggestions from stakeholders through direct telephone, exclusive email or letter.
- 7. No integrity case was detected during this audit.
- 8. The factory was not subject to (or pending) any fines/prosecutions for non-compliance to Business Ethics Regulations.



Evidence examined – to support system description (Documents examined & relevant comments. Include renewal/expiry date where appropriate):		
Details: <ol> <li>The company business ethics policy;</li> <li>Position description</li> <li>Training records</li> <li>Worker handbook</li> <li>Interview with management and workers</li> <li>Supplier list</li> </ol>		
<ul><li>7. Complaint/appeal/grievance record</li><li>Any other comments:</li><li>None</li></ul>		

Non-compliance:		
<ol> <li>Description of non-compliance:</li> <li>NC against ETI/Additional Elements</li> <li>NC against customer code:</li> </ol>	🗌 NC against Local	Objective evidence observed:
Local law and/or ETI/Additional Elements requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation	
Description of observation:	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI/Additional elements requirement:	observed.
Comments:	

Good examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):	Objective Evidence Observed:

A: Does the facility have a Business Ethics	🛛 Internal Policy
Policy and is the policy communicated and applied internally, externally or both, as	Policy for third parties including suppliers
appropriate?	A1: Please give details: The factory had established the
	business integrity policy according to national regulations
	/ law concerning the relative standard
B: Does the site give training to relevant	X Yes
personnel (e.g. sales and logistics) on	No
business ethics issues?	
	B1: Please give details: Training provided to all employees
	in April 02, 2021.



C: Is the policy updated on a regular (as needed) basis?	X Yes No
	C1: Please give details: It was stipulated in the management review procedure of the company that the company shall evaluate whether the company's social responsibility policy needs to be updated in the annual management review.
D: Does the site require third parties including suppliers to complete their own business ethics training	X Yes No
	D1: Please give details: The factory had conducted social responsibility assessment of their suppliers, and the evidence shows that the suppliers had been training in business ethics.



Other findings

#### Other Findings Outside the Scope of the Code

None

#### **Community Benefits**

(Please list below any specific community benefits that the site management stated that they were involved in, for example, HIV programme, education, sports facilities)

None



## **Appendix 1**

Comparison between ETI code and Customer's Supplier's Code. Any areas where a site complies with the Customer's Supplier Code, but not with the ETI code are discussed at the audit close out meeting and recorded on the CAPR. Note to supplier "for this customer it may not be necessary to complete corrective actions where NC's DO NOT meet the ETI code, but DO meet your customer's code. If the audit is shared with other customers who work to the ETI code or an equivalent international standard, corrective actions will be necessary."

 $\boxtimes$  Not Applicable please x



## **Photo Form**

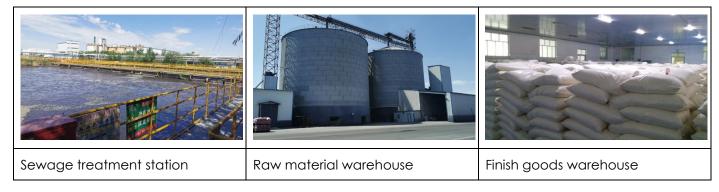
## Non-compliance

NC 1 two barrels of antifoaming agent without corresponding MSDS.	

## **General Site Tour Photos**

















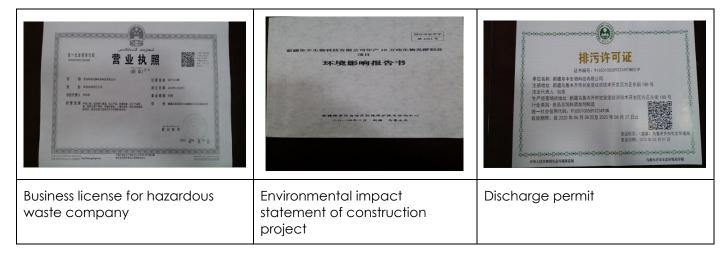




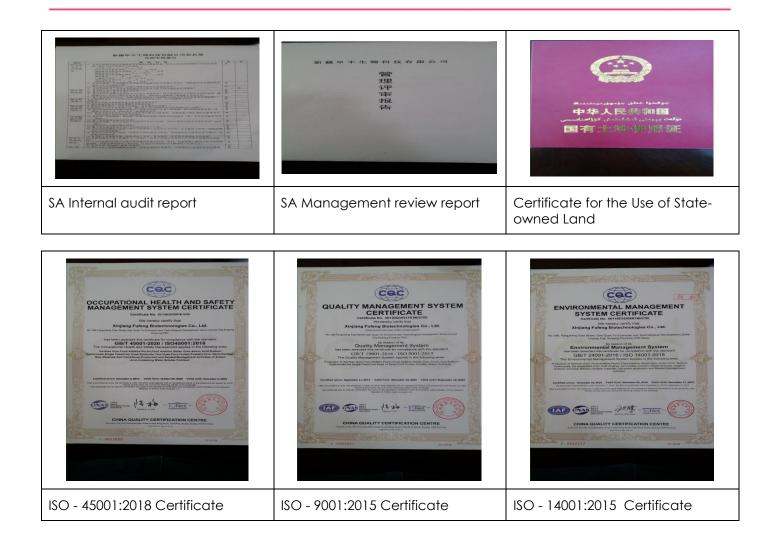
Dining room	Drinking room	Suggestion box
	港防 器材 存放处	
EXIT sign and emergency light	Fire extinguisher	Fire hydrant















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