



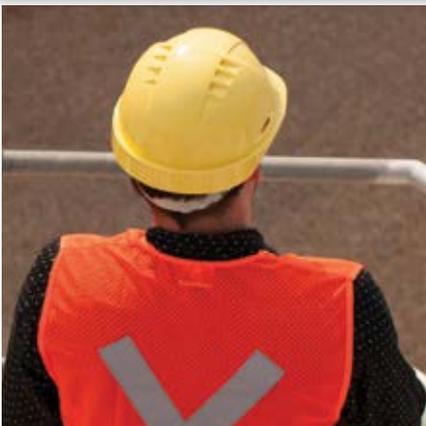
**EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION**



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**SOCIAL COMMITMENT**

# **SA8000:2014** **SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY CERTIFICATION**



SA8000:2014 Social Accountability certification enables you to demonstrate your commitment to treating your workforce in a fair and ethical way, ensuring your brand reputation is protected and your corporate credibility is enhanced.

The SA8000 Standard, established by Social Accountability International, and one of the world's pre-eminent social standards, is a tool for implementing international labour standards to protect workers along each step of the supply chain. It addresses child and forced labour, health and safety, worker representation, discrimination, disciplinary practices, working hours and remuneration, and the organisation's management system.

**THE BENEFITS**

Your employees are your single most valuable asset and SA8000 certification actively demonstrates your commitment to treating your people ethically. This

brings many benefits, all arising out of better employee engagement and motivation, including improved productivity, reduced absenteeism and sickness and improved product/service quality, which in turn impacts your bottom line.

**RELATED SERVICES**

Our social systems awareness and implementation courses in corporate responsibility, ISO 26000 and the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) base code are complemented by our auditor training courses for SA8000 and SMETA audits. These provide a thorough grounding in all aspects of social accountability and are suitable for all levels of ability and awareness. Please see [www.sgs.co.uk/academy](http://www.sgs.co.uk/academy) for details of upcoming courses.

**WHY SGS?**

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. SGS is recognised as the global benchmark for quality and

integrity. With more than 80,000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 1,650 offices and laboratories around the world. Enhancing processes, systems and skills is fundamental to your ongoing success and sustained growth. We enable you to continuously improve, transforming your services and value chain by increasing performance, managing risks, better meeting stakeholder requirements and managing sustainability.

With a global presence, we have a history of successfully executing large-scale, complex international projects. Our people speak the language and understand the culture of the local market and operate globally in a consistent, reliable and effective manner.

**CONTACT US**

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**HOW THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS WORKS**

