

# Slavery and human trafficking statement - Univar BV

(relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2018.)

Modern slavery is a crime resulting in a profound violation of human rights. The term 'modern slavery' is used to encapsulate the crimes of slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking and can have a severe adverse impact on individuals and communities across the world. We are striving to prevent the infringement of human rights within our organisation and supply chains. The purpose of this slavery and human trafficking statement is to show what we as a company have done in the last financial year and what we are doing going forward.

Univar has a proud history of corporate responsibility and we value integrity as a core and defining characteristic of conducting business. We believe that in today's global economy it is even more important for companies to act as responsible corporate citizens and to make their commitment known to responsible third parties. Whenever we are faced with difficult decisions during the course of our business, Univar will always choose the ethical course of action.

Univar's Code of Conduct already covers the company's values on modern slavery and human trafficking. In the past year, we have produced this statement together with a Slavery and Human Trafficking Supplier Questionnaire as part of the Company's due diligence processes in supply chains where there is a risk of modern slavery and human trafficking taking place. We have also produced an Anti-Modern Slavery internal policy, which is available to all of our employees. Furthermore, we have created and distributed Modern Slavery Compliance Statements to our suppliers.

In the coming year we will broaden our scope for supply chain mapping. We will further develop our audit and risk assessment program and progress training for all our employees to increase awareness and combat slavery and human trafficking within our supply chains.

## Our organisation's structure, our business and supply chains

Univar BV is the trading company for Univar within the UK and is working to ensure that adequate controls are applied to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in any part of the relevant business. The ultimate parent company of Univar BV is Univar Inc. Univar Inc. has its Commercial Headquarters in the United States of America at Downers Grove, IL.

Founded in 1924, Univar is a leading global distributor of chemicals and innovative services. The company operates a network of over 850 distribution facilities throughout North America, Western Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, and Latin America, with additional sales offices located in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Univar sources from over 8,000 producers worldwide and serves more than 160,000 customer locations with a full portfolio of specialty products and ingredients, and basic chemicals. Our high-growth and value-added service offerings are key differentiators in the market.

With a worldwide team of more than 10,000 employees, our scale, geographic reach, comprehensive product portfolio, and value-added services provide us with a distinct competitive advantage by providing a single-source solution for our customers.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018 Univar BV had a turnover in excess of £36M. Final figures will be publically available in the coming year.

#### What is our business?

Univar is a leading global distributor of chemistry and related innovative products and services. We safely deliver chemistry (products, expertise, and relationships) that helps our customers improve the quality of life through; Affordable energy, Clean drinking water, Reliable food sources and Products that improve our health, homes and environment.

# Our supply chains

Univar is a world leader in the global distribution of chemistry and related products and services. Our suite of distribution services enables us to serve our customers everywhere, every day, so that they have the products they need, when they need them.

# Our policy on modern slavery

As an organisation we are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery:

- in any part of our supply chains; or
- in any part of our business.

Our Anti-Modern Slavery Policy reflects our commitment to implementing and enforcing effective processes and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in our organisation or supply chains and to encourage and protect whistle-blowers. This policy is available on request.

### Due diligence processes in relation to modern slavery

We have produced and issued our Modern Slavery Statement and Questionnaire to identify and mitigate the risk of modern slavery. The questionnaire is designed to be issued through our supply chain to:

- Identify and assess potential risk areas in our business and supply chains;
- Mitigate the risk of modern slavery occurring in our business and supply chains;
- Monitor potential risk areas in our business and supply chains.

This questionnaire is available on request.

In addition, we have:

- Updated our new supplier questionnaire to capture our principles of modern slavery compliance under international labour laws.
- Revised and updated our standard terms and conditions across our entire EMEA business to capture the requirements to Suppliers and Customers to not only adhere to our internal policies and procedures but to also have in place their own policies and procedures to ensure compliance.
- Revised and updated our Global Code of Conduct to incorporate required levels of Labour Standards for anybody who works with us,

## Behaviour of our supply chains

We have a zero tolerance policy towards modern slavery. To ensure all those in our supply chains and contractors comply with our values and ethics we have a compliance team to implement our regulatory compliance programmes. This consists of Company representatives with active involvement from the following departments:

- Legal;
- Audit and compliance;
- Human resources;
- Procurement; and
- Sales.

#### Training on modern slavery

We provide mandatory training to all our staff in order to ensure a high level of understanding of regulatory risks in our supply chains and our business. Through Top Level Commitment, additional modern slavery training will come from our tried and tested Training the Trainer programs. In due course, we will also be seeking confirmation our business partners are providing training to their staff, suppliers and providers and will offer support where feasible.

## Our effectiveness in combating modern slavery

We are conducting external and internal reviews of our processes to give insight on ways that we can tackle modern slavery in our organisation and supply chains. We are developing appropriate KPIs to assess how effective we are and how we will continue to combat slavery and human trafficking within our supply chains.

#### **Future steps**

Following a review of the effectiveness of the steps we have taken so far to ensure that there is no modern slavery in our business or supply chains, we propose taking the following further steps to combat modern slavery:

- Terms and Conditions
   Through applicable terms and conditions we obligate our suppliers to maintain the same standards of business conduct as ourselves.
- Review of suppliers
   We are continuously working on strengthening our supply chain mapping
   through direct collaboration with our suppliers. In the past year, we have
   continued to collect responses to our Slavery and Human Trafficking Supplier
   Questionnaire and Compliance Statement and will continue to do so in the
   coming year.
- Development of sustainable Due Diligence of our Supply Chain
  We take a risk-based approach to the assessment of our suppliers and engage
  with them to communicate our expectations and carry out due diligence.
  We will assess results of Questionnaire findings to create audit and risk
  assessment programs.

 We will work on creating communication and targeted training for employees who act as an immediate contact to our suppliers to increase awareness and combat slavery and human trafficking within our supply chains.

This statement is made in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 section 54(1) and constitutes Univar's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 December 2018.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors,

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