

OUR MEMBERSHIP, OUR STRENGTH

The BSCI is a business-driven initiative open to retailers, importers and brand manufacturers across all sectors. Our members are actively involved in all aspects of the BSCI: from decision making at the heart of this initiative to concrete implementation of the BSCI Method in sourcing countries. The initiative also cooperates with various stakeholders. The objective is the sustainable improvement of working conditions through a collaborative effort between member companies.



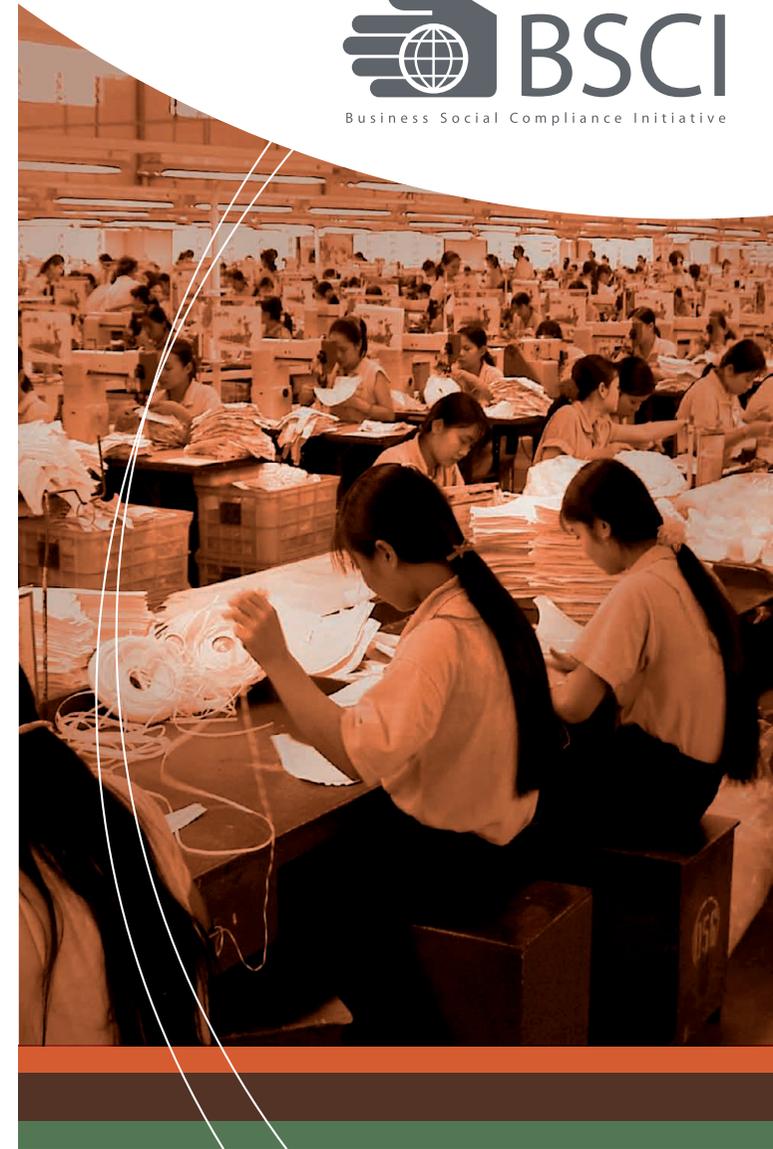
WHY JOIN THE BSCI?

By becoming a member of the BSCI, you will:

- Enhance working conditions in your global supply chain
- Benefit from the coordination of auditing and from a common database
- Increase your credibility and company reputation
- Boost your supplier productivity and competitiveness
- Gain from an efficient risk management system
- Improve your business efficiency
- Be part of an effective and well-established initiative

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THE CHALLENGE OF RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

Acting socially responsible in a globalised economy has become a major issue for trade. Companies are facing increasing concern with regard to the working conditions under which consumer goods are produced. Sourcing ethically can be a challenge for importing companies as a global supply chain can involve thousands of suppliers worldwide and frequent changes.

How can importers, manufacturers and retailers meet the demand for high quality at competitive prices whilst ensuring socially fair production?

THE BSCI, A UNIQUE SOLUTION FOR YOUR GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) is the broadest business solution for the improvement of working conditions in the global supply chain. It offers companies the benefits of a common Code of Conduct and a single implementation procedure with uniform management instruments for all sectors and all sourcing countries. This unique system simplifies and standardises the requirements and individual monitoring procedures and therefore avoids inefficient duplication of efforts.

THE BSCI SYSTEM, AN EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

- The BSCI Code of Conduct is built on internationally recognised labour standards protecting workers rights, in particular the ILO Core Labour Conventions.
- The practical implementation of the Code is controlled by independent auditing companies accredited by the international organisation Social Accountability International (SAI), which has issued the SA8000 standard. To control the BSCI process, the members share the results of the audits in a common database. This also avoids multiple audits thus reducing audit fatigue.
- The BSCI does not rely solely on audits but is based on a development approach. It aims at continuously improving the social performance of suppliers, encouraging them to apply for SA8000 certification. The BSCI develops follow-up measures such as implementation controls and training measures in order to support suppliers.
- The whole BSCI process is accompanied by local and European stakeholder networks which bring their expertise to the initiative and help to ensure the long term local ownership of the process. Cooperation with governmental authorities, trade unions, NGOs and associations also facilitates social acceptance and independence of the system.

THE BSCI IS...

- Global: a common platform for business worldwide
- Comprehensive: a system covering food and non-food products
- Practical: a single Code and a single implementation procedure
- Consistent: a uniform message to suppliers worldwide
- Credible: commitment of members
- Transparent: an independent monitoring system via external auditing
- Non-competitive: cooperation and mutual learning among BSCI members
- Collaborative: involvement of stakeholders in Europe and supplier countries

