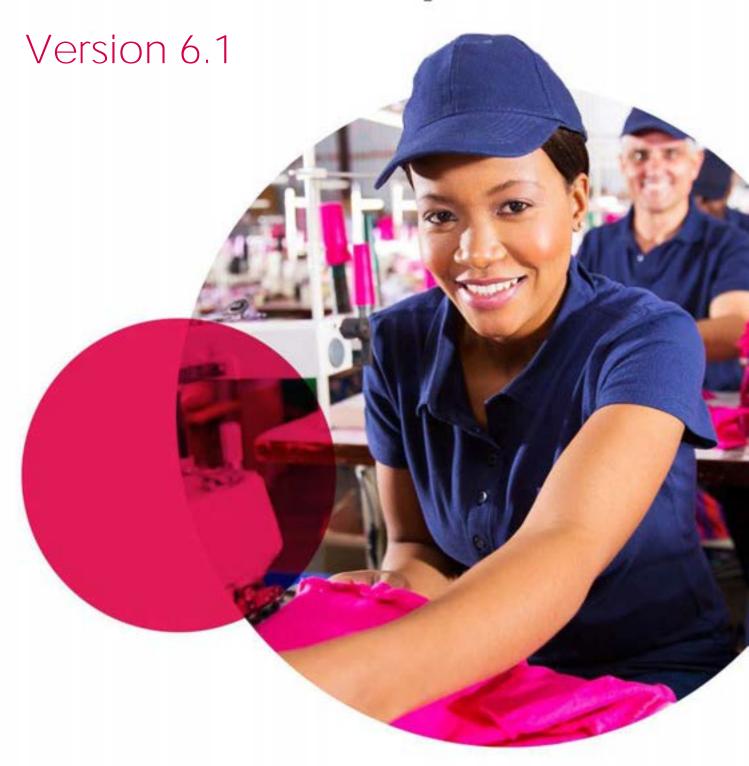


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Site contact and job title:						
Site phone:		S	ite e-mail:			
SMETA Audit Pillars:	□ Labour Standards	Health & Safety (plus Environment 2-Pillar)		Environment 4-pillar		■ Business Ethics
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Audit Content:

- 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 SMFTA 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.

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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.
- (2) Any Non-Compliance against customer code alone shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between EII code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.

Any exceptions to this must be recorded here (e.g. different sample size): Nil

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Date of declaration: 14 June 2023

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)		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)		
	Note to auditor, please ensure that when issuing the audit report, hyperlinks are retained.		ise Local Law	Additional Elements	Customer Code	NC	Obs	GE			
0A	Universal Rights covering UNGP					H =	0	0	None Observed		
ОВ	Management systems and code implementation					0	0	0	None Observed		
1.	Freely chosen Employment					0	0	0	None Observed		
2	Freedom of Association					0	0	0	 None Observed 		
3	Safety and Hyaienic Conditions		×			2	0	0	NCs: Inadequate safety eye-shields Missing non-hazardous chemical label		
4	Child Labour					0	0	0	None Observed		
5	Living Wages and Benefits					0	0	0	None Observed		
6	Working Hours					0	0	0	None Observed		
7	Discrimination					0	0	0	None Observed		
8	Regular Employment					0	0	0	None Observed		
A8	Sub-Contracting and					0	0	0	None Observed		

	<u>Homeworking</u>								
9	<u>Harsh or Inhumane Treatment</u>					0	0	0	None Observed
10A	Entitlement to Work					0	0	0	None Observed
10B2	Environment 2-Pillar					0	0	0	Not Applicable
10B4	Environment 4-Pillar					0	0	0	None Observed
10C	<u>Business Ethics</u>					0	0	0	None Observed
Gene	ral observations and summary of the	ne site:							
	all, there were 2 non-compliances quate machine guards, etc. were		d during this	s audit. Thes	e were re	ated to	Safety (and Hygi	enic Conditions (2 NCs). Issues such as

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^{*}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:		Lt	d			
B: Site name:		Lt	d			
C: GPS location: (If available)	GPS Address:	Latitude Longitu				
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 Number: Valid date: from November 5, 2007 to November 4, 2027					
E: Products/Activities at site, for example, garment manufacture, electricals, toys, grower, cutting, sewing, packing etc	Shopping Bags					
F: Site description: (Include size, location, and age of site. Also, include structure and number of buildings)	Bags. The main produ inspection and packi 1 block of 6-storey pr	ecialized in the man action processes inc ing etc. The factory roduction building, led for employees u	no dormitory, canteen use. The total land area			
	Production Building no	Description	Remark, if any			
	Floor 1	., Ltd	Nil			
	Floor 2	Office, cutting workshop	Nil			
	Floor 3	Office, sewing, inspection and packing workshops	Nil			
	Floor 4	Office, sewing, inspection and packing workshops	Nîl			
	Floor 5	., Ltd	Nil			

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	Floor 6		Nil					
	Is this a shared building?	Yes	Nil					
	including 400 prod 94 male employee The ethnic backg workers was mainl other China pro	uction workers es (19.6%) and 3 ground of all mand Chinese a vinces such a	urrently working at the factory, and 79 office staff. There were 85 female employees (80.4%), nanagement and production and 83.25% workers were from 5 Jiangxi, Sichuan, Guizhou cruited directly by the factory.					
	records, all workers (excluding overtime hours of lunch-time normal work week were calculated o management, the obvious, And there	s worked in 1 sh le work) were fr break from 12 was 5 days from in hourly rated to peak season of was no organi	and provided attendance ift, the normal working hours om 8:00am to 5:30pm with 1.5:00noon to 1:30pm. The m Monday to Friday. Wages basis. According to r non-peak season was not zed union established in the blished in the factory.					
	No tin shed was fo	ory.						
		ows if appropriate. (large cracks) observed?						
		Yes						
	F3: Does the site have a structural engineer evaluation? Yes No							
	F4: Please give det	tails: N/A						
G: Site function:	Agent Factory Process Finished Product Grower Homeworker Labour Providet Pack House Primary Product Service Provide	et Supplier r er r	rrer					
H: Month(s) of peak season: (if applicable)	No obvious peak s	eason						

I: Process overview: (Include products being produced, main operations, number of production lines, main equipment used)	The factory specialized in the manufacturing of Shopping Bags. The main production processes included: cutting, sewing, inspection and packing etc. The main equipment included: cutting machines, sewing machines etc.
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. % of workers in on site accommodation N/A
M: Are there any off site provided worker accommodation buildings	☐ Yes ☑ No M1: If yes, approx. % of workers N/A
N: Were all site-provided accommodation buildings included in this audit	Yes No N1: If no, please give details N/A

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	Audit Pa	arameters					
A: Time in and time out	A1: Day 1 Time in: 9:00 A2: Day 1 Time out: 16:00	A3: Day 2 Time in: N/A A4: Day 2 Time out: N/A	A5: Day 3 Time in: N/A A6: Day 3 Time out: N/A				
B: Number of auditor days used:	Two auditors in one day	and one auditor in half day	,				
C: Audit type:	Full Initial Periodic Full Follow-up Partial Follow-Up Partial Other If other, please define						
D: Was the audit announced?	Announced Semi – announced: V Unannounced	Vindow detail: weeks					
E: Was the Sedex SAQ available for review?	Yes No E1: If No, why not? SAQ was not available b	pefore or during this assessm	nent.				
F: Any conflicting information SAQ/Pre- Audit Info to Audit findings?	Yes No If Yes, please capture de	etail in appropriate audit by	y clause				
G: Who signed and agreed CAPR (Name and job title)	/ Mar	nager					
H: Is further information available (If yes, please contact audit company for details)	☐ Yes ☑ No						
I: Previous audit date:	June 1-2,2023						
J: Previous audit type:	Periodic						
K: Were any previous audits reviewed for this audit	⊠ Yes □ No □ N/A						

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Audit attendance	Manager	ment	Worker Re	Worker Representatives					
	Senior management		Worker Co represent	ommittee atives	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)	No organised labor union was established in the factory.					ory.			

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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	(A)		Migrant*		Total	
	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Home workers	
Worker numbers – Male	5	0	0	57	0	0	0	62
Worker numbers – female	62	0	0	276	0	0	0	338
Total	67	0	o	333	О	0	0	400
Number of Workers interviewed – male	2	0	o	7	0	0	0	9
Number of Workers interviewed – female	5	0	o	12	0	0	0	17
Total – interviewed sample size	7	0	0	19	0	0	0	26



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: _N/A B3: Nationality 3: _N/A B7 es No If no, please describe how this may vary during peak periods: N/A due to the peak season was not obvious.					
C: Please provide more information for the three most common nationalities.	C: approx % total workforce: Nationality 1 C1: approx % total workforce: Nationality 2 C2: approx % total workforce: Nationality 3	20%				
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)	4 groups of 5	
D: Number of individual interviews (Please see SMETA Best Practice Guidance and Measurement Criteria)	D1: Male: 2	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 details	s
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 comment from work	ers.
I; What did the workers like the most about working at this site?	Monthly wages were po workers could easily lea working day.	A SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF
J: Any additional comment(s) regarding interviews:	Nil	
K: Attitude of workers to hours worked:	The workers wished the more overtime hours.	factory could afford
L. Is there any worker survey information available?		
☐ Yes ☐ No L1: If yes, please give details:		
M: Attitude of workers:		

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(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

26 workers (9 males and 17 females) were selected from workshop for selected from different departments: cutting, sewing, inspection and packing etc. Of 26 workers were interviewed, 6 were interviewed individually in factory workshops and 20 workers were interviewed in 4 groups in a meeting room with the intent of making them more comfortable. The information gathered from these interviewees was consistent with the documentation provided by the management. In general, all interviewed workers expressed their positive attitude to management and the workplace. They all claimed to be satisfied with the working condition in this factory.

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

The workers representative attended the whole assessment process. They were open to assessors. They stated that they were elected by workers. Workers could raise suggestion or complaint through workers representative. They would participate in grievance solution.

O: Attitude of managers:

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

Factory management were cooperative with ELEVATE staff and provided full access to the whole facility. Management provided required documents and records in time, accompanied assessors with factory tour and helped to select workers for interviews. Management staff attended the closing meeting, confirmed all the findings and signed on the CAPR without any argument.



Audit Results by Clause

0A: Universal Rights covering UNGP

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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:

The factory has established written policy and procedures to meet the human rights and labour standards required by local law and customers.

Administration Manager was responsible for compliance with the human rights to all appropriate parties, including its own suppliers through trainings, handbooks and postings at the facility.

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

Details:

- The written policy including human rights.
- Appointment book of person responsible for implementing standards concerning Human rights
- Factory rules
- Social compliance management handbook
- Training records of human rights
- Employee interview, employees could raise the human rights issues by suggestion box confidentially or call the hotline to the HR Manager who was responsible for implementing standards concerning Human rights directly.

Any other comments:

Nil

Description of Good Example (GE): None observed		ective Evidence served:
Good exam	nples observed:	
Comments: N/A		
None observed Local law or ETI/Additional elements / customer spenical special specia	N/A	
Finding: Observation Company NC Description of observation:		ective evidence erved:
E: Does the business demonstrate effective data privacy procedures for workers' information, which is implemented?	∑ Yes ☐ No E1: Please give details: the effect had posted in the workshop for vertical p	
D: Does the grievance mechanism meet UNGP expectations? (Legitimate, Accessible, Predictable, Equitable, Transparent, Rightscompatible, a source of continuous learning and based on stakeholder engagement)	∑ Yes □ No D1: If no, please give details	
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 established a tro confidentially reporting.	ansparent system for
B: Does the business have a designated person responsible for implementing standards concerning Human Rights?	Yes No Please give details: Name: Job title: Administration Manage	r
A: Policy statement that expresses commitment to respect human rights?	Yes No A1: Please give details: the factory had a policy stateme	

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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_ %	A2: This year 2 %
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]	2.3%	3707
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: _1%	C2: This year 1 %
D: Quarterly (90 days) % absenteeism: Number of days lost through job absence in the period / [(Number of employees on 1* of the period + Number of employees on the last day of the period) / 2] * Number of available workdays in the month	1%	
E: Are accidents recorded?	Yes No E1: Please describe: The control of the contr	accidents had been recorded.
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 months0% 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:

The factory has established written policy and procedures to meet the Code and labour standards required by local law and customers. / Administration Manager was responsible for compliance with the Code implementation and the Code was communicated to all employees through trainings, handbooks and postings at the facility.

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

Details:

- Employee Handbook
- Business license
- Factory Manual contains details of Code and labour standards required by local law and customers.
- Training records of social compliance on April 21, 2023

Any other comments:

Nil

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: No any fines/prosecutions for non–compliance to any regulations for 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: Factory established a 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.	Factory had established written policy to prohibit forced labour, child labour, discrimination, harassment & abuse. Furthermore, factory established investigation and grievance procedures to solve if any above issue occurred.
D: Have managers and workers received training in the standards for forced labour, child labour, discrimination, harassment & abuse?	∑ Yes ☐ No D1; Please give details: Management and workers received training on the policy and procedure.
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: Management and workers received training on the policy and procedure of prohibit forced labour, child labour, discrimination, harassment & abuse once per year, with training records kept in place.
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).	☐ Yes ☑ No F1: Please give details: N/A
G: Is there a Human Resources manager/department? If Yes, please detail.	∑ Yes ☐ No G1: Please give details: There were 2 staff in HR department.
H: Is there a senior person / manager responsible for implementation of the code	∑ Yes ☐ No H1: Please give details:
I: Is there a policy to ensure all worker information is confidential?	∑ Yes ☐ No I1: Please give details: the factory established a policy to ensure all workers information confidential.
J: Is there an effective procedure to ensure confidential information is kept confidential?	∑ Yes ☐ No J1: Please give details: the factory established an effective procedure to ensure confidential information to keep confidential.
K: Are risk assessments conducted to evaluate policy and procedure effectiveness?	∑ Yes ☐ No K1: Please give details: the risk assessment document had provided for review.

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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 established the process
M: Does the facility have a policy/code which require labour standards of its own suppliers?	☐ Yes ☐ No M1: Please give details: the factory had the policy / code posted on the wall that require labour standards of its own suppliers.
Land rig	hts
N: Does the site have all required land rights licenses and permissions (see SMETA Measurement Criteria)?	☐ Yes ☐ No N1: Please give details: The facility had provided the valid land rights licenses such as house property permits 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: During management interview, the facility was aware of local and national and international laws and requirements with regards to Land Rights
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: The facility had set up the written policy and procedures to obtain the FPIC before land acquisition if applicable.
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: Nil
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: N/A. No such situation happened in facility
S: Is There any evidence of illegal appropriation of land for facility building or expansion of footprint.	☐ Yes ☐ No S1: Please give details: N/A. No such situation happened in facility

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Non-compliance:		
1. Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI/Additional Elements NC against customer code: None observed Local law and/or ETI requirement: N/A Recommended corrective action: N/A	□ NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A
	Observation:	XX
Description of observation: It was noted that no SAQ was provided for Local law or ETI requirement: N/A Comments: It is recommended that factory should contain the second contains the s		Objective evidence observed: Document review
G	ood Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE): None		Objective evidence observed: N/A

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:

The factory has established hiring policy and hiring procedures in place. Factory Manager was familiar with local law regarding prison labour, deposit and wages deductions etc. Workers are not required to stay at the factory if they do not want to, and overtime is voluntary as well. No deposits or any original ID are required to be detained during employment. Resignation is free and wages are paid to resigned workers on time after reasonable notice (usually 30 days in advance).

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

Details:

- The facility's policy to ensure employment is freely chosen was reviewed. The policy includes the following clause: the facility does not require deposit or withhold employees' ID cards: the facility does not limit the employees' freedom; there is no forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour; and employees are free to leave their employer after reasonable notice.
- Labour contracts with notice periods
- Training of forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour for all employees at the time employee, and re-fresh training was conducted once per year for all employees.
- As per workers interview, it was noted that they are free to leave their working stations once their shifts end; all overtime workings were voluntary; and they are not required to pay any 'deposits' or leave their ID cards.

Any other comments: Nil

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:
B: Is there any evidence of a loan scheme in operation	☐ Yes ☑ No B1: If yes, please give details and category of worker affected:
C: Is there any evidence of retention of wages /deposits	☐ Yes ☑ No C1: If yes, please give details and category of worker affected:

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D: Are there any restrictions on workers' freedom to terminate employment?	☐ Yes ☑ No D1: Please describe finding: Nil	
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?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ Not applicable E1: Please describe finding:	
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:	
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 categor	ry of workers affected:
H: Is the site taking any steps taking to reduce the risk of forced / trafficked labour? Yes No No H1: Please describe finding: Nil		
	Non-compliance:	
Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI	nst Local Law: NC against customer	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A
Recommended corrective action: N/A		
	Observation:	
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None observed		observed: N/A
Local law or ETI requirement: N/A		
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Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE): None observed	Objective evidence observed: N/A	

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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:

The factory has written policy on freedom of association, which states that workers are free to form any union or any form of other workers organization in the facility. Currently, there's no trade union was established in the factory, and no collective bargain in the factory. A worker committee was available, the worker representatives (total 3 representatives) were selected by workers. All employees have the right to join worker committee and labour union. Workers' representatives are not discriminated against and have access to carry out their representative functions in the workplace. The workers could raise any issue or express their concerns through suggestion box. There was a relevant written policy / procedure documented in place. The meeting between with factory management and worker committee representatives was conducted every three months.

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

Details:

- Written freedom of association procedure was established in the factory, which recognized and respected the right of employees to exercise their lawful right of free association.
- Employee handbook stated that employees are free to form worker committee. Nobody will be treated differently whether they are members of worker committee.
- The record from the suggestion box and what relevant actions have been taken was reviewed. Facility management commented that they collect the suggestions from the suggestion box and review them in the management meeting once a month. If agreed, they will take the relevant actions to improve.
- There was total 3 worker representatives elected in the factory. The last meeting records between facility management and worker committee representatives (conducted on April 21, 2023) were provided to review.

Any other comments:

Nil

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A: What form of worker representation/union is there on site?	☐ Union (name) ☐ Worker Committee ☐ 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)	∑ Yes ☐ No D1: Please give details: Suggestion box or direct communication with General Manager D2: Is there evidence of free elections? ∑ Yes ☐ No	
E: Does the supplier provide adequate facilities to allow the Union or committee to conduct related business?	Yes No E1: Please give details: the supplier had provided meeting room for the committee to conduct the related business.	
F: Name of union and union representative, if applicable:	N/A	F1: Is there evidence of free elections? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
G: If there is no union, is there a parallel means of consultation with workers e.g. worker committees?	There was a Worker Committee in place,	G1: Is there evidence of free elections? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
H: Are all workers aware of who their representatives are?	⊠ Yes □ No	
I: Were worker representatives freely elected?	⊠ Yes □ No	11: Date of last election: April 21, 2023
J: Do workers know what topics can be raised with their representatives?	⊠ Yes □ No	
K: Were worker representatives/union representatives interviewed?	Yes No If Yes, please state how many: 1 out of 3 worker representatives 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.	There was a meeting hold by worker committee. Worker's representative participated in the grievance solution communication in April 21, 2023	

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☐ Yes ☒ No M: Are any workers covered by Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)? If Yes, what percentage by trade M1: % workers covered by % workers covered by M2: Union/worker representation Union CBA worker rep CBA N/A N/A M3: If Yes, does the Collective Yes Bargaining Agreement (CBA) No include rates of pay? N/A Non-compliance: 1. Description of non-compliance: Objective evidence ■ NC against Local Law ■ NC against customer NC against ETI observed: code: (where relevant please add None observed photo numbers) N/A Local law and/or ETI requirement: N/A Recommended corrective action: N/A Observation: Objective evidence Description of observation: None observed observed: N/A Local law or ETI requirement: N/A Comments: N/A Good Examples observed: Objective evidence Description of Good Example (GE): None observed observed:

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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

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Current systems:

The factory generally provided an adequate work environment and maintains a comfortable temperature throughout. The electrical system was in a good condition. The factory posted the evacuation plans at work floors, which indicates escape routes. Exit signs were installed. The facility has provided enough fire extinguishers in all working sections. A functional fire alarm system can be found in the facility. The facility's policy and procedures were communicated through the notice board in the local language. Drinking water was provided and installed in workshops. Sufficient and proper supplies/items were stocked in all of the first aid kits. However, some health and safety findings were still noted.

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

Details:

- Fire-fighting equipment inspection and maintenance records
- Fire safety approval/registration
- Construction safety approval
- Chemical safety training, Chemical list and MSDS for each chemical
- PPE training
- Workplace occupational hazards factor testing report.
- License for special operation
- Registration of special equipment
- Inspection certificate of special equipment
- Certificate of special equipment operator
- Fire drill records
- First aider certificates
- Drinking water testing report
- Interviews with EHS manager

Any other comments:

Nil

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 established the general Health & Safety and occupational Health & Safety policies and procedures, and they posted on the workshop for worker's review.
B: Are the policies included in workers' manuals?	Yes No B1: Please give details: the workers' manual had included the related policies.
C: Are there any structural additions without required permits/inspections (e.g. floors added)?	☐ Yes ☑ No C1: Please give details: Nil
D: Are visitors to the site informed on H&S and provided with personal protective equipment	∑ Yes ☐ No D1: Please give details: the visitors need to wear the PPE, such as earplugs when come into workshops.
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: Nil
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: First aider was available in the 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?	☐ Yes ☑ No ☑ S1: Please give details: no worker transport provided.
H: Is secure personal storage space provided for workers in their living space and is fit for purpose?	☐ Yes ☑ No H1: Please give details: N/A
I: Are H&S Risk assessments are conducted (including evaluating the arrangements for workers doing overtime e.g. driving after a long shift) and are there controls to reduce identified risk?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No ☐: Please give details: the factory had made the H&S risk assessment to evaluating the arrangements for workers doing overtime.
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: As per document review, the facility had obtained the EIA report/approval and EPCA.

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K: Is the site meeting its customer requirements on environmental standards, including the use of banned chemicals?	∑ Yes ☐ No K1: Please give details: As per document review, the facility had established hazardous substance management procedure and chemical management procedure to control the risks of chemicals and hazardous substances. The evaluation and approval for new purchase chemicals was established in the facility. The suppliers should submit the MSDS, third party testing report to indicating no hazardous substance included before selected as qualified suppliers. These suppliers also should sign declaration for no hazardous substance included. Annual audits were also conducted for the suppliers. The facility had established the hazardous and non-hazardous waste inventory and was reviewed annually. They had conducted regular
	and was reviewed annually. They had conducted regular training for workers responsible for hazardous waste handling and disposal. As per factory management, they had set the hazardous waste minimization plan annually.

Non-compliance:

	 Descri 	ption of	non-comp	oliance:
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NC against ETI NC against Local Law □ NC against customer code:

It was noted that there was no label attached on 1 out of 10 bottles of machine oil used in sewing workshop on the 4F of the production building.

Local law:

In accordance with Regulation for Chemical Usage Safety in Workplace, article the chemicals used by the unit should be labelled, dangerous chemicals should have safety labels, the unit should provide safety data sheet to operator. Article 14, (1) In case of transferring or loading the chemicals purchased into a new container, it is required to clearly mark the descriptions of these chemicals on the newly adopted container. As to those hazardous chemicals that have been transferred or loaded into a new container, it is necessary to stick a safety precautions mark on the new container. (2) The original safety precautions mark upon those containers that contain hazardous chemicals shall not be replaced before these containers have been cleansed.

ETI requirement:

In accordance with 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.

Recommended corrective action:

It is recommended that the factory shall ensure that all chemical containers in the working area are properly labelled with safety precautions. Further the Management should provide proper chemical safety training to workers and conduct regular chemical safety inspection.

Description of non-compliance:

Objective evidence observed:

(where relevant please add photo numbers) Factory tour Refer to Photo Form #24

code: It was noted that no safety sewing machines in the ser Local law: In accordance with Article Safety and Hygiene, the obelts, rotational axis, tran wheels, chain wheels and where the operator is op devices. ETI requirement: In accordance with ETI Bass shall be provided, bearing of any specific hazards. A and injury to health arising work, by minimising, so far inherent in the working environment of the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis and the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis are secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis are secommended to the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis are secommended to the secommended that it training to workers, conditional axis are secommended to the secommended that it training the secommen		to 3 out of 10 bar tacking the production building. Manufacturing Equipment spart of any transmission belt wheel, gear, flying meters height of the plane be equipped with safety ienic working environment wledge of the industry and ken to prevent accidents occurring in the course of ole, the causes of hazards e proper Health & Safety ty inspection. And equip	2. Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) Factory tour Refer to Photo Form #23
	Observ	vation:	
Description of observation: None Local law or ETI requirement	nt:		Objective evidence observed: N/A
Recommended corrective N/A	action:		
	Good Exampl	es observed:	
Description of Good Exam None	ple (GE):		Objective Evidence Observed: N/A

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:

The factory would verify all workers' original ID cards at the time of recruitment and keep the photocopies of ID cards in the personnel files, All employees' personal files were provided for review, Each employee file includes a bio-data sheet, a recent photo and the age documentation, which is in the form of photocopied national identification card. The card lists the employee's name, household address and the date of birth. Hiring procedure and related protection policy of young workers were also kept in place. No child labour or juvenile worker was working at the factory currently.

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

Details:

- Personal file
- Roster of employees
- Management and employee interview

Any other comments:

Nil

A: Legal age of employment:	16 years old
B: Age of youngest worker found:	19 years old
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)	Yes No E1: If yes, give details N/A

Non-compliance:		
Description of non-compliance: NC against EII	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A	
Observation:		
Description of observation: None Local law or ETI requirement: N/A Comments: N/A	Objective evidence observed: N/A	
Good Examples observed:		
Description of Good Example (GE): None	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A	

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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:

Written wage & benefits policy (involved relevant local law regarding MW, OT wage and social insurance policy, paid annual leave, sick leave etc.) in place stated in the social compliance management manual which had clearly been communicated to all workers via labour contracts, factory rules (covered disciplinary measures policy / deductions from wages) posting and training etc.

During this assessment, 12 months (from December 2021 to April 2022) of payroll records were provided for review. A sampling of these provided records for the months of April 2023 (the most current paid month), December 2022 (random month) and September 2022 (random month) were reviewed. As per factory management and provided payrolls, wages for all workers were calculated on monthly rated basis and were paid at the end of each month by bank transfer. The workers earned a monthly take-home wage of RMB 3968 to RMB 8418 with the average RMB 5193. The paid hourly wages were RMB 17.25 with the average of RMB 17.25, which was above the local legal minimum wage standard of RMB 11.67 per hour (Remark: The local minimum wage was updated to RMB 11.67 per hour since April 1, 2022). 150%, 200% and 300% of employee's normal rate was paid for overtime on normal working days, rest days and official public holidays respectively. The gap between reported wages and legal requirements was nil and the estimate percentage of workers being paid below the minimum wage was nil. For social insurance, a total of 381 (Excluding 97 workers who had reached the retirement age) employees were eligible to receive five types of social insurances in May 2023 according to the law. However, through review of social insurance enrolment list, all 381 employees were enrolled in pension insurance, unemployment insurance, medical insurance and child-bearing insurance and occupational injury insurance. A wage slip detailing: basic wage, working days, OT hours, overtime wage, allowance, bonus, deductions etc. was provided to each worker.

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

Details:

- Employee handbook
- Wages and benefits policy
- Annual leave records
- Resigned workers payroll records
- Past 12 months' payroll and 14 months' time records

 Social insurance and payment receipts 	
Any other comments: Nil	
Non-compliance:	
Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant pleas add photo numbers) N/A
Local law and/or ETI requirement: N/A	
Recommended corrective action: N/A	

Observation:		
Description of observation: None	Objective evidence observed:	
Local law or ETI requirement: N/A	1.4.0	
Comments:		
N/A		

Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE): None	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A

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 per day	A1: 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week	A2: ☐ Yes ☑ No

	and 40 hours per week			
B: Overtime hours: (Maximum legal and actual overtime hours, please state if possible per day, week, and month)	Legal maximum: 3 hours per day and 36 hours per month	B1: 2 hours per day and 36 hours per month	B2: ☐ Yes ☑ No	
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 2030 per month / RMB 93.33 per day / RMB 11.67 per hour Since April 1st, 2022	C1: RMB 17.25	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 employee normal rate for overtime on normal workdays, rest days and official public holidays respectively	D1: 150%, 200% and 300% of employee normal rate for overtime on normal workdays, rest days and official public holidays respectively	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 No, 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 Guldance and Measurement Criteria)	26 samples from April 2023 (the most current paid month) 26 samples from December 2022 (random month) 26 samples from September 2022 (Random month)		
C: Are there different legal minimum wage grades? If Yes , please specify all.	☐ Yes ⊠ No	C1: If Yes, please give details:	
D: If there are different legal minimum grades, are all workers graded and paid correctly?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ N/A	D1: If No. please give details:	
E: For the lowest paid production workers, are wages paid for	Below legal min	E1: Lowest actual wages found: Note: full time employees and please state hour / week / month etc.	

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standard/contracted hours (excluding overtime) below or above the legal minimum?	☐ Meet ⊠ Above	е	RMB 17.25 poin December	er hour, total RMB 3968 per month er 2022.
F: Please indicate the breakdown of workforce per earnings:	F1:% of workforce earning under minimum wage. F2:% of workforce earning minimum wage. F3: _100% of 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. Nil			
H: What deductions are required by law e.g. social insurance? Please state all types:	Social insurance and income tax etc.			
I: Have these deductions been made?	⊠ Yes □ No	deduc	ise list all fions that been made.	Social insurance Income tax
		deduc	ase list all tions that of been	Please describe: N/A
J: Were appropriate records available to verify hours of work and wages?	⊠ Yes □ No			
K: Were any inconsistencies found? (if yes describe nature)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Poor record keeping ☐ Isolated incident ☐ Repeated occurrence:		record keeping led incident	
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: Nil			
M: Is there a defined living wage: This is not normally minimum legal wage. If answered yes, please state amount and source of info: Please see SMETA Best Practice Guidance and Measurement Criteria.	☐ Yes ☑ No M1: Please specify amount/time: Nil			
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			

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	☐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: Nil
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 employees' interview, it was confirmed that equal rates are being paid for equal work.
Q: How are workers paid:	☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Bank Transfer ☐ Other ☐ Other, please explain:

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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 all 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:

Written working hours policy (involved relevant local law regarding normal, OT hours and OT wage rate etc.) in place stated in the social compliance management manual which had clearly been communicated to all workers via labour contracts, factory rules (covered voluntary overtime policy, special terms for young workers / pregnant women / nursing mothers etc.) posting and training etc. The factory had a system for monitoring and managing working hours.

During this assessment, the factory provided 14 months' attendance records (from May 2022 to June 14, 2023) for assessor's review. A sampling of these provided records for the months of April 2023 (the most current paid month), December 2022 (random month) and September 2022 (random month) were reviewed. As per provided time attendance records, workers' working hours were regular from 8 to 10 hours a day, 40-52 hours a week, with the average being 48 hours per week. The most continuous working days without rest were 6 days, while the average continuous working days without rest were 6 days. No OT extension waiver approval was obtained by the factory.



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

Details:

- Employee handbook
- Wages and benefits policy
- Annual leave records
- Resigned workers time records
- Past 12 months payroll and 14 months' time records
- Production records

Any other comments:

Non-com	pliance:	
1. Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI NC against Local Law code: None Local law and/or ETI requirement: N/A Recommended corrective action: N/A	□ NC against customer	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A
Observ	ration:	
Description of observation: None Local law or ETI requirement: N/A		Objective evidence observed: N/A
Comments: N/A		
Good Example	es observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE):		Objective Evidence Observed:

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	Please inclu	rking hours' analysis ude time e.g. hour/week/month back to Key information)		
Systems & Processes				
A. What timekeeping systems are used: time card etc.	Describe: Finger	print and face scanner		
B: Is sample size same as in wages section?	Yes No B1: If no, please	give details		
C: Are standard/contracted working hours defined in all contracts/employment agreements?	⊠ Yes □ No			
D: Are there any other types of contracts/employment agreements used?	☐ Yes ⊠ No	D1: If YES, please complete as appropriate:		
		□ 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	E1: If yes, please detail hours, %, types of workers affected and frequency Please give details:		
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 1f 'No', please explain:	ys		
	Maximum numb	er of days worked without a day off (in sample):		
	6 days			

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Standard/Contracted He	ours worked		
G: Were standard	Yes	G1: If yes, % of workers & frequency:	
working hours over 48 hours per week found?	⊠ No	N/A	
H: Any local	☐ Yes ⊠ No	H1: If yes, please give details:	
waivers/local law or permissions which allow averaging/annualised hours for this site?	⊠ NO	N/A	
Overtime Hours worked			
I: Actual overtime hours worked in sample (State per day/week/month)	Highest OT hours 36 hours per mor	: nth / 12 hours per week / 2 hours per day	
J: Combined hours (standard or contracted + overtime hours = total) over 60 found? Please give details:	Yes No 50 hours = 40 star	ndard hours + 12 overtime hours	
K: Approximate percentage of total workers on highest overtime hours:	40%		
L: Is overtime voluntary?	Yes No Conflicting	L1: Please detail evidence e.g. Wording of contract / employment agreement / handbook / worker interviews / refusal arrangements: Factory policy stated that 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 standard wages: 150% of normal rate for overtime hours on normal working days; 200% of normal rate for overtime hours on Saturday and Sunday; 300% of normal rate for public holidays.	
N: Is overtime paid at a premium?	⊠ Yes □ No	N1: If yes, please describe % of workers & frequency: 100% workers and paid monthly.	
O: If the site pays less than 125% OT premium and this is allowed under local law, are there other considerations? Please	□ No □ Consolidated pay (May be standard wages above minimum legal wage, with no/low overtime premium) □ Collective Bargaining agreements □ Other		

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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	Overtime is voluntary Onsite Collective bargaining allows 60+ hours/week Safeguards are in place to protect worker's health and safety Site can demonstrate exceptional circumstances Other reasons (please specify)
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 ☑ If yes, please give details:
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

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7: No Discrimination is Practiced

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 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

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:

The factory has written policy on anti-discrimination as well as policy on compensation, promotion and training etc.

New staff hiring policy and advertise indicates that no pregnancy or health check (HIV testing, HB check) was required.

Gender and ethnic balance between workers and middle management is proper. There's grievance channel (suggestion box or anonymous phone line etc.) for workers to report any discrimination.

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

Details:

- Factory policy, hiring procedure
- Employee handbook.
- Payrolls, training records
- Contracts, termination records
- Any other comments:

Nil

A: Gender breakdown of Management + Supervisors (Include as one combined group)	A1: Male:40.5 % A2: Female59.5 %
B: Number of women who are in skilled or technical roles e.g. where specific qualifications are needed i.e. machine engineer / laboratory analyst:	80% female workers were skilled workers.
C: Is there any evidence of discrimination based on race, caste, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, union membership or political affiliation?:	Hiring Compensation Access to training Promotion Termination or retirement No evidence of discrimination found C1: Please give details: N/A

A: What type of training and development are available for workers?	Technical training etc.	
B: Are HR decisions e.g. promotion, training, compensation based on objective, transparent criteria?	∑ Yes ☐ No If no, please give details: N/A	
	Non-compliance:	· .
Description of non–compliance: NC against ETI NC against Locale: None Local law and/or ETI requirement: N/A Recommended corrective action: N/A N/A N/A	ocal Law NC against customer	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A
	Observation:	
Description of observation: None Local law or ETI requirement: N/A Comments: N/A		Objective evidence observed: N/A
	Good Examples observed:	1
Description of Good Example (GE): None		Objective Evidence Observed:

N/A

8: Regular Employment Is Provided

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- 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, subcontracting, 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

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:

Work performed was on the basis of recognized employment relationship established through national law and normal practice. The factory never used any home-workers or agency workers. No apprentice or temporary worker was working in the factory. The factory signs labour contracts with employees within 30 days since employment, and all workers can have their own a copy of the contract and pay slip. HR staff was aware of local law concerning above worker pattern.

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

Details:

- Factory policy, employee handbook
- Labour contract
- Hiring and termination records
- Personal files
- Management and workers interview

Any other comments:

Nil



	Non-compliance:	
Description of non–compliance NC against ETI	ainst Local Law NC against customer	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A
	Observation:	
Description of observation: None Local law or ETI requirement: N/A Comments: N/A		Objective evidence observed: N/A
	Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE None):	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A
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?	□ Terms & Conditions presented □ Understood by workers □ Same as actual conditions A1: If any are unchecked, please describe	finding and specific

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B: Did workers' pay any fees, taxes, deposits or bonds for the

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Yes No.

purpose of recruitment/placement?	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 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 - C1: If other, please give details: N/A
D: If any checked, give details:	N/A

country of which they are not a national of	r permanent resident or h	as purposely migrated on a temporary basis to in a remunerated activity
A: Type of work undertaken by migrant workers:	All processes undertaken by migrant workers.	
B: Please give details about recruitment agencies for migrant workers:		n country recruitment agencies) used: 0 outside of local country) recruitment
C: Are migrant workers' voluntary deductions (such as for remittances) confirmed in writing by the worker and is evidence of the transaction supplied by the facility to the worker?	Yes No C1: Please describe finding:	C2: Observations: N/A
D: Are Any migrant workers in skilled,	⊠ Yes □ No	•

Migrant Workers:

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technical, or management roles

Migrant Workers (this should include all

migrant workers including permanent

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skilled, technical, or management roles.

D1: If yes, number and example of roles: 90% migrant workers in

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: N/A	
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: N/A, no agency worker was used in the factory.	
B: Were agency workers' age / pay / hours included within the scope of this audit?	Yes No	
C: Were sufficient documents for agency workers available for review?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A	

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D: Is there a legal contract / agreement with all agencies?	Yes No No No: Please give details: N/A
E: Does the site have a system for checking labour standards of agencies? If yes, please give details.	Yes No 1: Please give details: N/A
	Contractors: ally individuals who supply several workers to a site. Usually the contractors workers are paid by the contractor. Common terms include, gang bosses, labor provider,
A: Any contractors on site?	☐ Yes ☐ No A1: If yes, how many contractors are present, please give details:
B: If Yes , 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 Yes , please give evidence for contractor workers being paid per law	N/A

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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

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:

The factory has customer policy on sub-contracting, homeworking and external processing, as well as written policy and procedure in place to control sub-contracting and homeworking.

The factory posted customers' Code of Conduct in the facility. Through site tour, documents review and management & workers interview, no sub-contracting and homeworking was being used currently.

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

If any processes are sub-contracted – please populate below boxes N/A

Details:

Nil

	Non-compliance:		
Description of non–compliance: NC against ETI/Additional Elements NC against customer code: None	□ NC against Local Law	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A	
Local law and/or ETI /Additional Element N/A	s requirement:		
Recommended corrective action:			

	Observation:	
Description of observation: None Local law or ETI/Additional elements requirement: N/A Comments: N/A		Objective evidence observed: N/A
	Good Examples observed	:
Description of Good Example (GE): None	3	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A
Sun	mary of sub-contracting – if a Not Applicable please	
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, no	sub-contracting is used.
B: If sub-contractors are used, is there evidence this has been agreed with the main client?	Yes No B1: If Yes , summarise details: I	N/A
C: Number of sub- contractors/agents used:	N/A	
D: Is there a site policy on sub- contracting?	Yes No D1: If Yes, summarise details:	N/A
E: What checks are in place to ensure no child labour is being used and work is safe?	N/A	

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Summary of homeworking – if applicable Not Applicable please x				
A: If homeworking is being used, is there evidence this has been agreed with the main client?	Yes No A1: If Yes , summarise details: N/A, no homeworking was used.			
B: Number of homeworkers	B1: Male: N/A B2: Female: N/A Total:			Total:
C: Are homeworkers employed direct or through agents?	☐ Directly ☐ Through Agents		C1: If through agents, number of agents:	
			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 de	etails: N/A		
H: Are full records of homeworkers available at the site?	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A			

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

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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 3rd party?	∑ Yes ☐ No A1: Please give details: Hotline and suggestion box had posted on the workshop.
B: If Yes, are workers aware of these channels and have access? Please give details.	The factory management had made the training to workers and posted the hotline and suggestion box on the workshop.
C: If yes, what type of mechanism is used e.g. hotline, whistle blowing mechanism, comment box etc. Please give details.	Suggestion box
D: Which of the following groups is there a grievance mechanism in place for?	── Workers ── Communities ── Suppliers ── Other D1: Please give details: All employees said they could use suggestion box to report violations of Labour standards and H&S.
E: Are there any open disputes?	☐ Yes ☑ No E1: If yes, please give details
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)	∑ Yes □ No F1: If no, please give details
G: Is there a published and transparent disciplinary procedure?	☐ Yes ☐ No G1: If no, please explain
H: If yes, are workers aware of these the disciplinary procedure?	Yes □ No H1: If no, please give details

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I: Does the disciplinary procedure allow for deductions from wages (fines) for	☐ Yes ☑ No
disciplinary purposes (see wages section)?	I1: If yes, please give details

Current Systems and Evidence Examined

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Current systems:

The factory has established an anti-harsh or inhumane treatment policy. The policy states that physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation shall be prohibited in this facility.

The disciplinary procedure only includes oral warning, written warning and education, with which was confirmed through workers interview

The factory has established grievance mechanism with non-retaliation policy and allows workers to report issues anonymously. Related training records and grievance records / documented evidence were maintained in place.

Security practices were humane and comply with customers' expectation.

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

Details:

- Policy of prevention of harassment and abuse.
- Internal grievance procedure documentation.
- Training records
- Employee interview

Any other comments:

Nil

Non-compliance:		
Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI NC against Local Law NC against customer code: None	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A	
Local law and/or ETI requirement: N/A		
Recommended corrective action: N/A		



Observation:	
Description of observation: None	Objective evidence observed:
Local law or ETI requirement: N/A	
Comments: N/A	

Good Examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE): None	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A

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:

The factory did not have any policy on foreign migrant worker or agency worker in place and did not use agency worker.

Factory management knows little about related law regarding agency worker.

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

Details:

- Hiring procedure
- Personnel files
- Employee handbook
- Employee interview

Any other comments:

Nil

Non-compliance:	
1. Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI/Additional Elements NC against Local Law NC against customer code: None Local law and/or ETI /Additional Elements requirement: N/A Recommended corrective action: N/A	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A

Observation:	
Objective evidence observed:	

Good examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE): None	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A

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

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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 1084.4 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

1084.10 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:

The site has written policy in place concerning environment issue (including hazardous waste disposal handling procedures), and the responsible management staff was aware of local laws / regulations governing environment, keeps the law up to date.

The factory has got the environmental impact assessment documents and approved by authorized environmental protection department. No pollution observed in the factory.

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

Details:

Nil

- Environmental impact report
- Environmental project completion acceptance report
- Pollutant discharge permit
- Hazardous waste disposal records
- Factory management interview
- Worker and management interview
- Factory tour

Any other comments:

Non-compliance:		
Description of non–compliance: NC against ETI/Additional Elements NC against customer code: None Local law and/or ETI/Additional Elements requirement: N/A Recommended corrective action: N/A	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A	

Description of observation:	Objective evidence
None	observed: N/A
ETI requirement:	ive.
N/A	
Comments:	
N/A	

Good examples observed:	
Description of Good Example (GE): None	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A

Environmental Analysis (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):	/ 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: Factory had a risk ☐ assessment on the environmental impact of the site. ☐ No ☐ N	
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: Nil	
D: Does the site have an Environmental policy? (For guidance, please see Measurement criteria)	Yes No D1: If yes, is it publicly available? Yes, the environmental policy was publicly available.	
E: If yes, does it address the key impacts from their operations and their commitment to improvement?	☐ Yes ☐ No E1: Please give details: Noise and dust.	
F: Does the site have a Biodiversity policy? (For guldance, 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 guldance, please see Measurement criteria)	☐ Yes ☑ No G1: Please give details: No such sustainability systems.	
H: Have all legally required permits been shown? Please gives details.	∑ Yes No H1: Please give details: The facility maintains the EIA report, approval and inspection and acceptance report of completed environmental protection facilities.	
I: Is there a documentation process to record hazardous chemicals used in the manufacturing process?	Yes No N/A II: Please give details: There was a process to record hazardous chemicals used.	
J: Is there a system for managing client's requirements and legislation in the destination countries regarding environmental and chemical issues?	Yes No J1: Please give details: Factory had environment policy and risk assessment.	
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 K1: Please give details: The factory had a continuous improvement plan for reducing environmental aspects. The factory had an annual	

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	reduction target for natu discharge.	ural resources use and
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 verified the wastes which could be recycled during 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: The records for consumption of key utilities of water, energy and natural resources were maintained in the factory. The responsible manager would measure and monitor the records and adjust the policy or procedures if needed.	
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: Factory had checked the suppliers' relevant environmental licenses and their environmental police before conducting business.	
Usage/Disch	narge analysis	
Criteria	Previous year: Please state period: From January 2021 to December 2021.	Current Year: Please state period: January 2022 to May 2022
Electricity Usage: Kw/hrs	145,0000	250,000
Renewable Energy Usage: Kw/hrs	0	0
Gas Usage: Kw/hrs	0	0
Has site completed any carbon Footprint Analysis?	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ⊠ No
If Yes, 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)	3000	500
Water Discharged: Please list all receiving waters/recipients.	City pipe network	City pipe network
Water Volume Discharged: (m³)	5550	1300

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Water Volume Recycled; (m³)	0	0
Total waste Produced (please state units)	49.4T	23.81
Total hazardous waste Produced: (please state units)	0	0
Waste to Recycling: (please state units)	35.6T	18.61
Waste to Landfill: (please state units)	13.81	5.2T
Waste to other: (please give details and state units)	0	0
Total Product Produced (please state units)	50,800,000 pieces	1,220,000 pieces

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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

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:

The factory had established procedures against any act of corruption and the risk assessment of this part was conducted.

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

Details:

- · Factory tour
- Management interview
- Policy review
- Worker and management interview

Any other comments:

Nil

	Non-compliance:	
Description of non-compliance: NC against ETI/Additional Elements NC against customer code: None	NC against Local	Objective evidence observed: (where relevant please add photo numbers) N/A
Local law and/or ETI/Additional Elements N/A	requirement:	
Recommended corrective action:		

Observation	
Description of observation: None	Objective evidence observed: N/A
Local law or ETI/Additional elements requirement: N/A	
Comments: N/A	

Good examples observed:			
Description of Good Example (GE): None	Objective Evidence Observed: N/A		

A: Does the facility have a Business Ethics Policy and is the policy communicated and applied internally, externally or both, as appropriate?	 Internal Policy Policy for third parties including suppliers A1: Please give details: The factory had established Business Ethics policy. 	
B: Does the site give training to relevant personnel (e.g. sales and logistics) on business ethics issues?	∑ Yes No No B1: Please give details: Related trainings were given to relevant personnel.	
C: Is the policy updated on a regular (as needed) basis?	∑ Yes ☐ No C1: Please give details: The factory review and updated the policy annually. And the most updated version would be provided the relevant parties again.	
D: Does the site require third parties including suppliers to complete their own business ethics training	 Yes No D1: Please give details: The factory required the responsible managers of their suppliers to be trained on business ethics. 	

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Other Findings Outside the Scope of the Code

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

None

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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."

Not Applicable please x

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Photo Form







1. Factory Name

2. Factory Gate

Factory Address







4. Production building

Raw material warehouse

6. Finished goods warehouse







Cutting workshop

Sewing workshop

9. Inspection and packing workshops







10. Emergency exit

11. Fire extinguishers and hydrant

12. Fire alarm system



13. Fire sprinkler system and smoke detector



14. MSDS posted onsite



15. Chemical storage areas



16. Attendance recording machine



17. Suggestion box



18. Assembly point









19. PPE used by workers 20. First aid kit 21. Drinking water



22. Safety needle guards installed to the sewing machines



23. Finding: No safety eye-shields were installed to the bartacking sewing machines



24. Finding: No label



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