

### **Modern Slavery Act 2015 – Transparency in Supply Chains Statement**

This statement is made pursuant to Part 6, Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Transparency in Supply Chains).

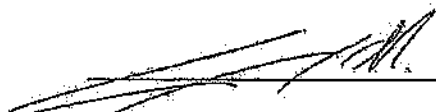
Abbott is committed to safe and fair working conditions and this extends to the partners in our supply chain. Abbott always has had, and will continue to have, a zero tolerance policy regarding human trafficking and slavery. Abbott's understanding of slavery and human trafficking is based on the definitions set out in the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and is guided by the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), particularly relating to forced or compulsory labour.

All Abbott suppliers are expected to follow the Abbott Supplier Guidelines, which document our principles, guidelines and expectations in areas including ethical behaviour, business integrity and labour, among other matters. Our Guidelines, published in multiple languages, state that suppliers are prohibited from using forced, bonded or indentured labour, involuntary prison labour or human trafficking. As part of our contract process with direct suppliers, Abbott requires direct suppliers to represent that materials incorporated into Abbott's products comply with applicable laws.

Abbott engages in verification of its global product supply chains to evaluate and address risks of human trafficking and slavery. At a global level, Abbott uses a supplier classification model to determine appropriate activity level to assess risk. Abbott proactively identifies suppliers for screening with a focus on those in business-critical industries, geographies and spend categories, as well as those in emerging markets. A supplier may receive a letter, a survey or an on-site audit based on this model. Information received from the supplier is then assessed to determine whether to take further steps. As reported in Abbott's Global Citizenship Report, in addition to the audits carried out by Abbott, more than 350 suppliers completed Supplier Social Responsibility surveys in 2015. The surveys included more robust questions around environmental sustainability and manufacturing details.

Abbott's Code of Business Conduct also incorporates standards prohibiting slavery and human trafficking or engaging in illegal behaviour. Abbott employees worldwide train annually on Abbott's Code of Business Conduct, as do all contractors. Abbott maintains internal accountability standards and procedures for both employees and contractors failing to meet Abbott's standards regarding slavery and trafficking.

Abbott provides training to its employees and management who have direct responsibility for supply chain management, regarding human trafficking and slavery, particularly with respect to mitigating risks within the supply chains of products. On an annual basis Abbott employees involved in the purchasing function or who are in the position to influence a purchasing decision are required to review Abbott's Purchasing Code for Interacting with Suppliers, including in respect of ethical practices.



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