



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Management Systems Assessments

UL helps clients confirm they are partnering with suppliers that share their commitment to sourcing responsibly, specifically in the areas of social, labor, ethical and environmental responsibility.

UL's CSR Management Systems Assessments identify suppliers with effective social and environmental compliance programs, in turn reducing the amount of resources the client needs to dedicate to supplier monitoring and oversight.

CSR Management Systems Assessments provide clients with insight on how suppliers are managing CSR in their supply chain by evaluating a supplier's program management of their own sub-tier supply chains. This includes verifying existing CSR programs by collecting information at the headquarters level, and analyzing the strengths and opportunities of a supplier's social and environmental compliance management systems. In conjunction with the headquarters assessment, onsite visits to the supplier's facilities will also allow for greater visibility into the implementation and the effectiveness of the supplier's program at the facility level.

UL's CSR Management Systems Assessments help clients identify risks, strengths and opportunities for improvement in a supplier's management systems that may impact social and environmental compliance by:

- Obtaining a better understanding of suppliers' relationships with their sub-suppliers;
- Identifying business processes that may increase workplace risk;
- Validating the supplier has effective risk management systems in place and are not in violation of the client's code of conduct;
- Validating that risk management systems cover not only wholly-owned facilities, but also sub-tier suppliers; and
- Ensuring suppliers address risk in their purchasing practices.

To help clients identify potential gaps in CSR systems and benchmark supplier practices, the CSR Management Systems Assessments are comprised of two different, but required assessments:

Headquarters Assessment: Conducted at headquarters, in partnership with the client's supplier, in order to assess program governance and monitoring systems; and

Manufacturing Facility Assessment: Conducted at one or two manufacturing sites in the supplier's supply chain that are currently manufacturing products for the Client, in order to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the CSR management system.

UL is a leading global provider of responsible sourcing auditing and advisory services, which include supply chain monitoring, research and program development, and training. UL's Responsible Sourcing team has the global footprint to provide services in several countries.

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