Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

Policy Statement
Boxes and Packaging is an organisation which acknowledges its responsibilities in relation to ethical business activity and in tackling modern slavery within our supply chain or in any other part of our business. Our policies and our interaction with colleagues, as well as suppliers, reflects our commitment to acting ethically in all our operational matters. We strive to ensure that we, and our supply chain, act in compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and will continue to monitor such compliance.

Our Business
Boxes and Packaging offers the UK’s largest independent national sheet plant network, supplying a full range of customers with the design and manufacture of bespoke corrugated packaging solutions and in-house printing, along with a range of ancillary packaging products.

Due Diligence
We have undertaken an initial risk assessment, of all those areas within our business and our supply chain identified by the legislation, with particular focus on child labour, health and safety, workers rights, diversity and minimum pay. We are committed to compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and to ensure those within our supply chain are also aware of their obligations, we are rolling out a compliance initiative as part of our Quality Assurance programme and vendor approval process. Our Ethical trading risk assessments now form an integral part of the approval process for new vendors; and will include annual spot checks for approved vendors.

Training
We have developed training for our staff on the issue of modern slavery within our supply chains and our business. We are committed to addressing modern slavery and ensuring ethical compliance, and have developed policies which reflect the values we adhere to as a business. These are made available within our staff handbook, and includes a provision to address a safe mechanism for whistle blowing.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in relation to the financial year ending December 2019.

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