



Ethical Trading Policy Statement

Scientific Laboratory Supplies provide scientific equipment to a wide range of institutions and organisations throughout the UK and abroad. The National Distribution Centre located in Nottingham was opened in February 2001 and operates from a unit on the Nottingham South & Wilford Industrial Estate.

SLS believe that they have a moral obligation to ensure that the way in which products are sourced does not impact on the individuals who produce these goods. SLS recognises their responsibility to uphold the reputation and the value of the corporate image.

SLS have made commitments to managing their corporate social responsibility and aim to encourage “sustainable development” through the implementation of the Ethical Trading Policy Statement. In developing this policy, SLS have focussed on international best practice and on the areas outlined in the UN Global Compact’s 10 principles, from which the following areas for focus have been identified:

- Terms of Trading (No undue pressure to cut costs)
- Promotion of worker rights and human rights in general
- Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining
- Hours of Work
- The elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour
- The elimination of all forms of child labour
- The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation
- Health, safety and welfare of employees
- Sourcing products from oppressive regimes
- The promotion of greater environment responsibility
- The elimination of corruption, including extortion and bribery

The policy outlines the commitment of SLS to managing their ethical trading policies. The policy will have the support of all top management as well as the employees. The Managing Director is responsible for implementing this policy and communicating it to all employees of Scientific Laboratory Supplies & Flowgen Bioscience. The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it continues to reflect the targets of SLS.

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