

Audits from Integrity Program of Business Social Compliance Initiative

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Abstract

The paper presents the characteristics of the audits from the Business Social Compliance Initiative Integrity programme and the actions that the participants, business partners, producers and auditing companies have to implement in order to fulfil the requirements of Business Social Compliance Initiative secretariat. First the paper presents the integrity programme purposes and characteristics and its color-coded system to categorize the integrity issues of auditing companies in line with their severity and also its system of scoring the performance of the producers. Then the paper presents the new tool of Business Social Compliance Initiative secretariat to evaluate the ability of the producers to maintain the implementation of Business Social Compliance Initiative code of conduct requirements ie the random unannounced checks and the main issues regarding the maintenance of the implementation of these requirements by the producers. Then the paper presents the conclusions of the witness audit and duplicate audits on the performance of the auditing companies and the main issues of integrity resulted from these audits. Finally the paper draw the conclusion that the implementation of the Business Social Compliance Initiative requirements is not enough to fulfil Business Social Compliance Initiative requirements and that actions have to be taken by the producers to maintain the implementation of the requirements and by the auditing companies to ensure quality of audits and avoid soft grading.

Keywords: audit, business social compliance initiative (BSCI), integrity program, social accountability, random unannounced checks, duplicate audit, witness audit, sustainable development

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