

Social Accountability (SA) 8000 Services

Your Challenges



In today's marketplace, consumers are increasingly interested and informed regarding the labor conditions under which the products they buy were produced. They are now, more than ever, holding brands and retailers responsible for upholding declared values and ethical practices throughout the supply chain. How do you prepare to demonstrate due diligence? Are you 100% confident that throughout your supply chain social accountability standards are being upheld, adhered to, improved upon, and more?

Our Solutions

In 1996, the Social Accountability 8000 Standard was established as a universal standard that could be used across product lines and sectors as a definitive benchmark for social accountability. SA 8000 provides transparent, measurable, verifiable standards for certifying the performance of companies in nine essential areas:

- Child Labor
- Forced Labor
- Health and Safety
- Freedom of Association and
- Right to Collective Bargaining
- Discrimination
- Disciplinary Practices
- Working Hours
- Remuneration
- Management Systems

An alternative option for your company may be to choose to conduct a Second-Party Audit, instead of one for Certification. A Second-Party audit conducted by Intertek will include all aspects of a Certification audit, however it will not mandate surveillance visits. Second party audits may be used to provide a gap analysis of your social accountability system. They can likewise be helpful to demonstrate to your buyers the extent of

At Intertek, we understand that the success of any labor standards monitoring program depends upon the credibility, accuracy, integrity, transparency, and speed with which monitoring data can be collected and analyzed. With over 1000 offices and laboratories in over 100 countries, Intertek has created monitoring services based on an in-depth understanding of local labor issues, workplace safety, and environmental laws and regulations. Our depth of knowledge enables us to create a social accountability program for your company that will best fit your needs.

Intertek has been accredited by Social Accountability International since 1999, and continues to work with the organization to promote understanding of social responsibility issues and the SA8000 Standard. The Intertek auditing team will visit your organization's facilities and assess the implementation and effectiveness of the social accountability program to confirm compliance with SA 8000. We offer SA 8000 Certification with a validation of a three year period. During this period, Intertek will conduct surveillance audits to ensure the facility is sustaining social accountability standards at every angle.

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