



Title: **UK Modern Slavery Act**

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Country: **United Kingdom**

Overview:

The Modern Slavery Act is a landmark regulation aimed at combating modern slavery, human trafficking, and forced labour. The Act requires companies to take steps to ensure that their operations and supply chains are free from such practices. By promoting transparency and accountability, the Act encourages companies to demonstrate their commitment to ethical business conduct.



Applicability

The Act applies to companies operating in the UK with an annual turnover of £36 million or more, regardless of where the company is headquartered



Due Diligence

Companies must conduct thorough due diligence to identify and assess risks related to modern slavery. This includes evaluating their supply chains, training staff, and implementing policies to mitigate risks



Supplier Engagement

The Act urges companies to collaborate with their suppliers to ensure compliance with anti-slavery measures. This can include establishing contractual agreements, conducting audits, and working together on initiatives to enhance labour practices



Transparency

Companies must publish an annual statement on their website detailing actions taken to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in their operations and supply chains, ensuring transparency for stakeholders.