

# **Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement**

## What this policy covers

This policy applies to employees, workers and contractors.

Slavery and Human Trafficking remains a hidden blight on our global society. We all have a responsibility to be alert to the risks, however small, in our business and in the wider supply chain.

This statement is made pursuant to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

#### **Our Commitment**

The Company (Speyside Cooperage Ltd) is committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business.

We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and taking reasonable steps to ensure slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in any business or organisation that has any sort of a business relationship with our Company.

## Due diligence processes for slavery and human trafficking

The Company has zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking. We expect all those in our supply chain and contractors to comply with our values.

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk the Company has in place systems to encourage the reporting of concerns and the protection of whistleblowers.

#### Supply Chain

As the largest Commerical Cooperage in the UK manufacturing and refurbishing casks for the spirit sector we retain full control of our processes in house. Our supply chain providers are expected to have suitable anti-slavery and human trafficking policies and processes in place.

## <u>Training</u>

The management team are responsible for compliance within their respective departments and in their supplier relationships and have been trained accordingly.

There is a Company induction where our policies, procedures and expectations are outlined.

# Our effectiveness in combating slavery and human trafficking

The Company uses the following key performance indicators to measure how effective we have been to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any part of our business or supply chains:

- Use of labour monitoring, right to work documentation and payroll audits
- We maintain a level of communication and personal contact with the next link in the supply chain to ensure their understanding of, and compliance with, our expectations.
- We regularly review supply chain policies, codes of conduct and our working practices to show commitment.

This statement is made in accordance with section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes the Company's slavery and human trafficking statement.

# <u>Signature</u>

A signed copy will be displayed on the notice board and on the Company intranet.

## Reporting suspicions of slavery

You can report any suspicions of slavery either through the Company's Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblowing) policy or externally to the Modern Slavery Helpline. Details are set out below:

https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/ 08000 121 700.