



How to be an ESG-conscious product manufacturer

4 Step Checklist to improve product compliance

Environmental, social, and governance (ESG)-type obligations are increasingly imposed on actors in the modern product supply chain.

Such obligations impact all stages of the product lifecycle and additionally impose subject-matter-specific reporting obligations on companies in respect of these matters.

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Review product portfolio

Given the way ESG-obligations have arisen in this area, many companies are not fully aware of new obligations that may apply to their product portfolio.

Companies should track and then review application of new legislation to their existing product portfolios.



Be selective with supply chain

Although difficult to balance with competing lack of supply of relevant products in some areas, companies should require any new partner to complete thorough and comprehensive onboarding and include protective contractual clauses within any supply agreements to ensure ESG obligations imposed on companies are requirements suppliers need to adhere to also.

Regular and thorough review processes should be implemented to monitor supply chain compliance with these obligations.

Companies could consider requiring declarations from supply chain throughout the lifetime of their supply.



Consider alternative materials and production mechanisms

Scrutiny is likely to be imposed on certain materials, such as plastics and single-use items.

Companies should consider whether they are able to find long-term alternatives to reduce use of these highly taxed and regulated products.

Similarly, reduction of use of natural resources during production should be considered.

Companies should ensure the integrity, safety and standard of their products are not compromised by these changes, and the new product is fully compliant with applicable product safety standards.



Be diligent with record making and keeping

Companies should consider in advance their mechanisms for tracing and recording their consideration of ESG-obligations to assist in establishing due diligence and complying with reporting requirements.

Streamlined and formalised report forms should be made.

Systems to flag growing concerns should also be implemented. Ideally a separate and dedicated business unit should be created for compliance with ESG obligations.

Such systems should ensure they capture all relevant information that is covered by the legal frameworks.

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