

## Responsible Sourcing

Blue Seven is committed to responsible, ethical, and transparent sourcing practices throughout its supply chain. The purpose of this policy is to support sustainable supply chain relationships while taking social, environmental, and economic aspects into account.

The implementation of responsible sourcing is carried out through defined procurement processes as well as in cooperation with relevant internal and external stakeholders.

This policy serves as a framework for purchasing decisions and cooperation with suppliers.

### **1. Responsible Exit and Termination Processes**

When terminating business relationships with suppliers, appropriate measures are taken to reduce negative impacts on suppliers and their employees, insofar as this is possible within contractual and legal frameworks.

This includes in particular:

- reasonable notice periods
- transparent communication
- where possible, supporting transition measures

### **2. Communication and Training**

Relevant employees in procurement and related functions are regularly informed about the objectives, requirements, and developments in the area of responsible sourcing.

The aim is to ensure a consistent understanding of internal sourcing principles and related compliance requirements.

### **3. Long-term Supplier Relationships**

Blue Seven aims to maintain stable and long-term business relationships with suppliers, provided that they meet the defined requirements.

Long-term cooperation can contribute to supply chain stability and improve planning and production processes.

### **4. Cooperation in Production and Supply Planning**

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Within operational possibilities, Blue Seven works with suppliers to coordinate and improve planning and production processes.

This may include in particular:

- exchange of relevant production and planning information
- coordination of delivery and production schedules
- support for efficient production workflows

Cooperation takes place in accordance with contractual agreements and operational conditions.

## **4.1 Stakeholder and Industry Cooperation**

Blue Seven cooperates with relevant industry initiatives and organizations to support responsible sourcing practices.

Depending on the thematic context, this may include initiatives such as amfori BSCI, amfori BEPI, Accord, as well as textile industry associations.

These collaborations support standards but do not guarantee compliance on their own.

## **5. Continuous Improvement**

Sourcing processes are regularly reviewed and adjusted where necessary to take regulatory requirements, industry standards, and internal objectives into account.

The aim is the continuous development of responsible purchasing practices within organizational capabilities.

## **6. Fair Payment Terms**

Blue Seven aims to ensure fair, transparent, and traceable payment processes.

This includes in particular:

- clearly defined invoicing and approval processes
- compliance with agreed payment terms
- structured internal approval procedures

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Payment terms are contractually agreed and respected unless legal or operational obstacles prevent this.

## **7. Supplier Communication and Feedback**

Blue Seven promotes regular exchange with suppliers within the business relationship.

Supplier feedback may be incorporated into internal evaluation and improvement processes, insofar as it is relevant for the further development of sourcing practices.

## **Final Provision**

This policy is reviewed regularly and updated where necessary. It complements existing corporate policies on compliance, sustainability, and supply chain management.