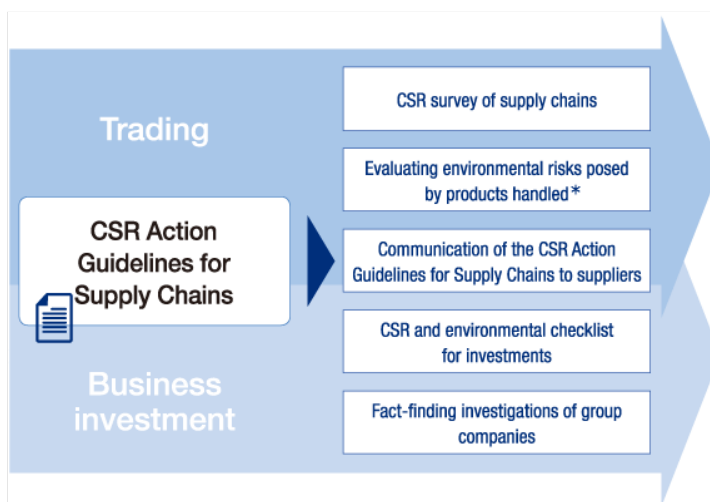


# CSR in Our Supply Chain and Business Investment

Engaged in trading and business investment on a worldwide basis, ITOCHU Corporation also takes full consideration for human rights, labor, and the environment etc., through CSR management that is commensurate with respective business activities for its supply chain and business investment.

Through such consideration, the Company is determined to build a sustainable value chain and link this to a heightening of the competitiveness and corporate value of the ITOCHU Group.



\* Please refer to P70

## Supply Chain Management

### Basic stance on supply chain management

Trading firms are engaged in the trading of all sorts of articles, from resources to intermediate materials and finished products, around the world. In light of the increasing complexity of their supply chains, their business requires risk management concerning human rights, labor and the environment not only in processes under their direct control but also in areas such as procurement of raw materials, production sites, intermediate distribution, and the regions of consumption. We at ITOCHU Corporation pay particular attention to management on the site of suppliers which occupy a fairly high share of our purchasing, and view our consideration and sense of responsibility for these areas as matters of great importance to be addressed with a high priority.

ITOCHU Corporation has set out its CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains, and implements the following surveys and reviews. Through these activities, it is striving to prevent the occurrence of any problems. When problems are detected, it aims for improvement in the concerned areas through communication with suppliers.

#### ITOCHU Corporation's CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains

1. Suppliers shall respect the human rights of its employees, and shall not treat employees in an inhumane manner including verbal abuse and physical punishment.
2. Suppliers shall not engage in forced labor or child labor.
3. Suppliers shall not practice discrimination in hiring and employment.
4. Suppliers shall prevent unfair low-wage labor.
5. Suppliers shall respect the rights of employees to organize and bargain collectively to promote smooth negotiation between labor and management.
6. Suppliers shall ensure that employees' working hours, holidays, and use of leave of absence are properly managed so as to comply with statutory standards.
7. Suppliers shall strive to provide employees with a safe and healthy work environment.
8. In the course of their business activities, suppliers shall duly consider the need to conserve ecosystems as well as local and global environments, and strive to prevent the occurrence of any environmental pollution.
9. Suppliers shall observe all related laws and international rules, and ensure fair transactions and prevent corruption.
10. Suppliers shall disclose information regarding the above items in a timely and appropriate manner.

## Communication of the CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains to suppliers

We believe it is important to win the understanding and cooperation of all our suppliers for our procurement-related policies. In keeping with this belief, in fiscal 2014, we again made notice of the ITOCHU Corporation's CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains to the approximately 4,000 suppliers with whom we have continuing transactions. In January 2015, we established a rule to make notice of the guidelines to any new supplier before we start transactions. We are thus endeavoring to deepen communication with them on our CSR-related policies.

## Response to non-compliant supplier

When a case that does not comply with the intent of guidelines has been confirmed, ITOCHU will request the relevant supplier to take remedial action, and will provide support and guidance as needed. If a remedy is deemed difficult despite ITOCHU making continuous requests for remedial action, ITOCHU will reexamine its dealings with the supplier concerned.

## CSR Survey of Supply Chains

In order to check the status of our various suppliers, ITOCHU conducts survey with a method suited to the characteristics of the goods of each Division Company, along with mandatory questions on the ten items in our "CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains."

### ■ Supplier CSR Checklist

Each of the Division Companies and relevant Group companies of ITOCHU selects significant suppliers and creates a survey plan based on such parameters as high-risk countries, products handled, transaction amounts, etc.. Sales representatives or locally assigned ITOCHU employees of each Division Company visit the suppliers and survey by providing interviews or questionnaires. From FY2009 to FY2014, we conducted surveys using the Supplier CSR Checklist based on ten items covering human rights, labor, environmental issues and the prevention of corruption. We then added further items specific to each field. For example, we added check items for forest conservation for the Forest Products & General Merchandise Division (lumber, pulp & paper); product safety items for the Food Company; and items on the protection of intellectual property for Textile Company.

In FY2016, we will revise the Supplier CSR Checklist and begin operating a check system. This system will enable sales representatives and locally assigned ITOCHU employees to undertake more specific checks of the actual status of significant suppliers' management of environmental issues, human rights, labor practices, prevention of corruption and other matters. It will also help them provide suppliers with advice on improvements. In addition, we will also create a guidebook on communications with suppliers, and use it to inform employees how to communicate with suppliers. Moving forward, we will continue to conduct surveys and communicate with suppliers to raise employee awareness and enhance supplier understanding and implementation.

### ■ CSR Surveys in fiscal 2014

In fiscal 2014, ITOCHU surveyed 380 companies, including 25 suppliers of overseas offices and 89 suppliers of 12 Group companies. No serious problems requiring immediate response were found in the survey results. Even when surveys have revealed problems that are cause for apprehension, we confirm the initiatives for prompt improvement or countermeasures taken by the supplier. We are going to continue to engage in communication with suppliers to seek their understanding of our thinking. Local employees in charge of the surveys commented, "Through these annual surveys, supply chain management is steadily advancing."

Surveys conducted in FY2014	Subject countries	Number of companies visited for on-site surveys	Survey items
Textile Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High-risk countries</li> <li>- Countries with specific transaction amounts</li> <li>- Countries where specific products are handled</li> </ul>	26	Labor safety, labor management, human rights, environmental issues, prevention of corruption, customer correspondence, intellectual property, traceability
Machinery Company		13	Labor safety, labor management, human rights, environmental issues, prevention of corruption
Metals & Minerals Company		12	Labor safety, labor management, human rights, environmental issues, prevention of corruption, consideration for local residents
Energy & Chemicals Company		62	Labor safety, labor management, human rights, environmental issues, prevention of corruption, consideration for local residents
Food Company		118	Labor safety, labor management, human rights, environmental issues, prevention of corruption, quality control
ICT, General Products & Realty Company		149	Labor safety, labor management, human rights, environmental issues, prevention of corruption, traceability, customer correspondence, consideration for local residents
<b>Total</b>		<b>380</b>	

For our significant suppliers, personnel from the CSR Promotion & Global Environment Department of our Corporate Communications Division make visits to undertake on-site surveys together with external experts as necessary. In FY2015, we conducted a survey of UNIMAX SAIGON CO., LTD., a subsidiary in Vietnam that manufactures uniforms for women. The survey was conducted on labor safety, labor management, human rights and environmental aspects by applying the EICC audit standards, the ILO standards and the standards of major global apparel brands.

#### On-site report: a fact-finding survey at a sewing plant in Vietnam



On February 4, 2015, ITOCHU conducted an on-site survey of UNIMAX SAIGON CO., LTD., a member and supplier of the ITOCHU Group, together with an external expert. At its plant, which is located in an export processing zone slightly less than 30 minutes drive from the city center of Ho Chi Minh City, 456 company employees manufacture uniforms for women in a single shift. The survey was conducted before the Vietnamese New Year, so the plant had received more orders than usual and was struggling to meet the delivery dates.

In the morning, they interviewed the president, the plant manager and the general manager of the Personnel and General Affairs Division and checked documents. In the afternoon, they checked the production lines in the plant, the cafeteria, the first-aid center, the outdoor waste yard and other areas. The external expert said that the documents were relatively well organized at the plant, as a plant affiliated with a Japanese company. The expert also gave some advice from the viewpoint of meeting global standards on labor management. The local personnel immediately formulated countermeasures, which has resulted in the further improvement of employee performance. They continue to work on improvements with the aim of establishing a production system with a superior balance between quality control and production efficiency.

### ■ Regular on-site surveys of food processing plants

Since FY2012, the Food Company has regularly visited and surveyed the food processing plants of overseas suppliers for imported food, under the initiative of the Food Safety and Compliance Management Office. For further information on the ensuring food safety through regular auditing of overseas suppliers, please see P52.

### ■ Fact-finding investigations of Group companies

To prevent environmental pollution and related problems among the ITOCHU Group companies, personnel from the CSR Promotion & Global Environment Department have been making on-site visits for the purpose of survey work from the third party stand point, together with external experts.

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Surveys conducted in FY2015	Subject region	Number of companies visited for on-site surveys	Survey items
Food hygiene audits by the Food Company*1 (suppliers from which products are imported directly)	Overseas	145	Food hygiene, food defense
Fact-finding investigations of Group companies conducted as on-site fact-finding surveys of suppliers as well	Overseas	3	Soil pollution, water and air discharge control, waste disposal, labor safety, labor management, human rights
	Japan	8	Soil pollution, water and air discharge control, waste disposal, labor safety, quality control

\*1 Of those overseas suppliers, 55 were also the subjects of CSR surveys of supply chains.

# Business Investment Management

The business activities at companies in which we invest must take account of and address their possible influence on the global environment and society at large. For this reason, we endeavor to understand the potential CSR risks and to prevent the actualization of CSR risks at the Group companies. We assess their activities by using a checklist and doing on-site visits, and take the requisite measures in response to the assessment results. We do these assessments as part of our environmental management system and try to improve their management level.

## Evaluating CSR Risks of New Investment Projects

In approaching prospective new business investment projects, the proposing unit is required to make an advance assessment using our CSR and environmental checklist for investments. Specifically, an assessment is made of items such as whether there are the policies and setups at the investment subject set in place as viewed from the standpoint of CSR and the environment and whether there is the possibility of significant adverse environmental impact, legal or regulatory violations, and the risk of litigation by concerned parties. The checklist consists of 33 items, including the seven core subjects in ISO 26000\*, the international CSR guideline. (\*Organizational Governance, Human Rights, Labor Practices, The Environment, Fair Operating Practices, Consumer Issues, Community Involvement and Development) The proposing unit also takes consideration of the opinions deriving from assessment based on risk analysis by the related administrative division. If any causes for apprehension are identified, a request is made for an advance due diligence study by an external specialized institution in the case of projects requiring an expert perspective. The actual project will commence only after this study confirms the absence of any problems.

## Fact-finding Investigations of Group Companies

To prevent environmental pollution and related problems among the ITOCHU Group companies, ITOCHU(the CSR Promotion & Global Environment Department of our Corporate Communications Division)has been making on-site visits for the purpose of survey work continuously since 2001. In fiscal 2015, such visits were made to a total of 11 companies, some involving the participation of external experts, with consideration of the level of environmental and social risks at each company. By the end of March 2015, such surveys had been completed at a total of 260 establishments.

The survey work consists of interviews with management, a survey of facilities such as factories and warehouses as well as drainage into rivers, checks of compliance with environmental laws and regulations, occupational safety, human rights, and communication with local communities. Based on the findings, the survey work team points out problems, indicates measures for prevention, and confirms the status as regards correction.

### On-site report: a fact-finding environmental survey at ISLA



On March 9, 2015, ITOCHU visited the Canlubang Plant, one of the nine bases/filling stations of ISLA Petroleum & Gas Corporation that sells LPG in the Philippines. Drawing upon the knowledge of an external specialist familiar with local laws and regulations, we conducted a detailed check of the status of risk management and compliance with laws related to the environment, such as those for the management of wastewater, waste, and chemicals. We confirmed that the company properly manages those matters. The company complies appropriately with the advice that was given concerning the method for storing

chemicals, the organization of documents, and other matters. It also seeks to apply these measures to other bases including filling stations to improve their level of management.

# Product-by-Product Approaches to CSR Procurement

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At ITOCHU Corporation, we handle a broad range of products all over the world. Recognizing the impact of each product on the society surrounding it and on the global environment, we have established individual procurement policies and measures for products with large impacts and reflect them in our daily business activities.

## Policy on Procurement of Wood, Wood Products, Paper Manufacturing Materials, and Paper Products

### ■ Objective and Background

In order to fulfill its corporate social responsibility, ITOCHU Corporation (hereafter, "ITOCHU") has established the CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains and engages in business activities aimed at achieving a sustainable society. However, natural forests around the world continue to be decreased at high rate. One of the primary drivers of deforestation is unsustainable forest management for production such as large-scale clear-cutting. In response, ITOCHU has established the following procurement policy to conserve natural forests and to continue the sustainable use of forest resources.

### ■ Scope of Application

This policy covers wood and paper products that ITOCHU and its consolidated subsidiaries procure in Japan and overseas. Specifically, it covers raw wood, wood products, paper manufacturing materials such as wood chips and pulp, and paper products (hereafter, "Forest products").

### ■ Basic Policy

ITOCHU and its consolidated subsidiaries which handle Forest products will work to ensure the traceability of Forest products and procurement based on the following policies.

1. Support expansion of reliable forest management certification systems and give priority to Forest products with reliable certifications.
2. Production and manufacture of Forest products shall not impose an excessive environmental burden on High Conservation Value Forest.
3. Forest products and their materials shall have been produced (or logged) through appropriate procedures by following the laws and regulations of the area where the raw material is produced.
4. Forest products shall not be procured from any suppliers who contribute to serious environmental or social problems, such as the destruction of High Conservation Value Forest.

### ■ Implementation and Operation

ITOCHU and its consolidated subsidiaries which handle Forest products will strive to implement the above basic policy in a phased manner in consideration of the characteristics of each country and region. In implementing the policy, we will review this policy regularly and cooperate with customers, specialists, and stakeholders, including NGOs, while also considering the provision of support for the shift to production systems which will help improve sustainability of production areas.

### ■ Information Disclosure and External Communication

To ensure transparency, we will disclose the progress of our initiatives through the CSR Report and promote society's understanding of the sustainable use of forest resources through appropriate communication with customers.

## | Approach to Conflict Minerals Issues

Some of the minerals produced in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries where conflicts are taking place can potentially provide sources of funding to armed groups which engage in inhumane acts, foment conflict or bring about human rights violations. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, enacted in the United States in July 2010, required that U.S. listed companies disclose information such as their use of "conflict minerals\*" produced in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries in their products.

While ITOCHU Corporation is not bound by the reporting requirements of the United States' Securities Exchange Act, to fulfill its social responsibility in procurement activities, ITOCHU Corporation will coordinate with its business partners in keeping with the spirit of this legislation and promote initiatives to ensure that it does not help armed grounds that engage in human rights violations.

\* "Conflict Minerals" as defined by the law refer to tantalum, tin, gold, tungsten and other minerals specified by the U.S. Secretary of State.

## | Activities for Sustainable Procurement of Palm Oil

To ensure that sustainable procurement can be carried out consistently in consideration of human rights and environmental conservation, ITOCHU Corporation makes notice of its CSR Action Guidelines for Supply Chains to its suppliers and undertakes regular communications with them on CSR procurement through fact-finding surveys and other activities. We recognize that the procurement of palm oil in particular requires consideration for environmental issues, labor safety, human rights, and relationships with local communities, so we became a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in 2006. We participate regularly in its meetings to promote the transparency of our supply chains and trade with suppliers who improve traceability. In this way, we strengthen our system for the sustainable procurement of palm oil.