

SMETA

Insite Compliance is an Affiliate Audit Company of SEDEX, a not-for-profit membership association that is dedicated to driving improvements in ethical and responsible business practices throughout global supply chains.

Developed by the SEDEX Stakeholder Forum, the SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA) is not a code of conduct or certification process; rather, SMETA is an agreed-to auditing protocol. Based on the Ethical Trading Initiative code and local law, a SMETA is conducted as a two- or four-pillar audit: two-pillar audits include health and safety and labor standards, while four-pillar audits include health and safety and labor standards, in addition to business ethics and expanded environment. Also assessed during a SMETA, but not reported on as a compliance issue, are suppliers' understanding and management of Universal Human Rights.

SEDEX Advance is a collaborative platform where SMETA Audit Reports and Corrective Action Plan Reports (CAPR) are stored, making it easy for suppliers to share audit reports with multiple customers.



Insite SMETA audits assess labor, health and safety, environmental and business ethics standards at factories around the world.



CHOOSING YOUR AUDITING FIRM

Though SMETA audits are intended to be conducted by experienced auditors, SEDEX does not verify the experience or competency of auditors. Instead, SEDEX believes that it is a company's responsibility to decide on which auditing firms to use. To ensure that a SMETA audit was conducted by an experienced auditor a number of companies will only accept SMETA from a select group of firms. It is recommended that suppliers seeking to meet the requirements of two or more companies confirm upfront that their customers will accept the SMETA from their chosen auditing firm.

INSITE

SMETA audits performed by Insite follow the latest Best Practice Guidelines (SMETA 6.1) and are designed to be accepted by all SEDEX A and AB members, as well as other stakeholders. Conducted by our highly experienced global team of auditors, Insite SMETA audits assess how labor, health and safety, environmental and business ethics standards are being met at factories around the world. We are a Disney-approved ILS monitoring firm with broad experience across initiatives, including the Fair Labor Association, SA8000, WRAP and Responsible Business Alliance (formerly the EICC). As a member of the Association of Professional Social Compliance Auditors (APSCA) we have consistently demonstrated our professionalism and commitment to ethics.

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Insite program managers are available to answer questions about the SMETA process, including:

- Completing the Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- What to expect during an onsite SMETA
- Determining whether to schedule a two- or four-pillar SMETA
- Understanding and meeting the expectations of multiple customers
- Where SMETA fits into industry and client codes of conduct
- Responding to corrective actions identified during your SMETA

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