



Responsible business simplified

Introducing Sedex

Sedex is a global non-profit membership organisation that prides itself on making it simpler to do business that's good for everyone.

We're home to the world's largest collaborative platform for sharing responsible sourcing data on supply chains, used by more than 38,000 members in over 150 countries.

Tens of thousands of companies use Sedex to manage their performance around labour rights, health & safety, the environment and business ethics.

Our services enable members to bring together many kinds of different data, methodologies, standards and certifications, to make better-informed business decisions, and to drive continuous improvement across their value chains.

Trading in a globalised economy is a complex business. With the opportunity to make new partnerships and unlock fresh markets come challenges around accountability.

How can you be sure your value chain is treating its workforce fairly?

How can you be clear about the impact of new legislation on your operations?

How can you reduce risk in a fast-changing, interconnected business environment?



How Sedex can help your business

Whether you are a global retail brand or manufacturer, an international agent, or a single production site, Sedex can help you simplify the business of responsible trade.

Our services enable our members to save time and money managing their data around ethical performance, and to get the insight that can support their continuous improvement. The approachable, multi-lingual Sedex Helpdesk is open to all members, along with published guidance, online learning and updates on best practice.

Manage your data more easily

With our Sedex Advance platform, you can manage your multi-tier, responsible sourcing data simply and efficiently. Take advantage of standardised formats, summary reports and collaborative working, by sharing information with those you do business with.

Exchange data between platforms

Sedex Advance is designed to talk to your internal and external applications as well as any nominated third parties, through the Sedex API Service. The service allows other platforms to access much of the data within Sedex Advance. It means you can combine ethical, quality, financial and environmental data, by extracting the information you need from Sedex Advance, or by bringing your data sets onto our secure platform. This gives you an inclusive, powerful view of the different elements in your value chain.

"Using the Sedex system to link to our suppliers and view their current audits makes the process simple yet very effective. We can view up to date and robust information and the suppliers are spared the inconvenience of yet another audit."

Sharon Childs
The Sourcing Team



Find cost-effective solutions

Sedex is owned by its members. We are focused on providing the responsible sourcing data, technology solutions, products and services that our members need, at an affordable price. For thousands of suppliers, membership means less paperwork, less 'audit fatigue' and more time creating value in their business.

Drive continuous improvement

We know that creating responsible value chains is an ongoing, collaborative process of improvement. Our journey, and that of our members, is built around the Sedex Continuous Improvement Cycle. The Cycle guides our development of products and services and helps businesses, whatever sector and however far into their journey of responsible practice, to clarify where they are, identify opportunities for improvement and work with their value chain to create change.

Take control with Sedex Advance

Sedex Advance is the market-leading online platform for managing and sharing data on responsible sourcing.

Used by tens of thousand of businesses worldwide, its user-friendly interface has been developed in response to user needs over more than ten years.

With an easy-to-read dashboard that puts you in control of the information you need, Sedex Advance allows our members to share responsible sourcing information in four key areas:

- Labour rights
- Health & safety
- Environment
- Business ethics

Sedex is independent from any single standard or methodology, and Sedex Advance can manage any relevant data required by your business.



Benefits of Sedex Advance

A & AB membership

For buyers

Sedex Advance lets you keep track of how your suppliers are performing, identify risks and see opportunities for improvement. Whether you work with thousands of suppliers or just a handful, Sedex Advance can be tailored to meet your needs.

B membership

For suppliers

Sedex Advance provides a simple and cost-effective way to share your responsible sourcing information with multiple buyers. By completing one self-assessment questionnaire, then choosing to share audit reports and certifications, your business can avoid repeating the same tasks again and again.

The Sedex Advance system is secure and confidential, with suppliers retaining full control over who can view their data.

And in a rapidly changing business environment, Sedex Advance will continue to evolve and scale to meet the future needs of Sedex members.

Be part of it

When you join Sedex, you don't just access our services. You join a global community of leaders in responsible sourcing.

Every year, we come together for conferences in China and the UK, where our members share knowledge, get updated on the latest developments and make valuable new relationships.

Sedex representatives also speak at conferences across the world and convene debates and collaborations with our strategic partners. These include industry leaders such as BSCI, BSR, CDP, EICC, SAI Platform and the Sustainable Apparel Coalition.

Join us and you get the chance to be part of collaborative initiatives, helping to shape the future of responsible business practice through international working groups.

Our key initiative is the Sedex Stakeholder Forum (The SSF – previously known as the Associate Auditor Groups / AAG). It brings together leaders from across the ethical trade and responsible sourcing industry to discuss the challenges they face and solve those problems collaboratively. It is also home to SMETA, one of the world's most widely used audit formats.

Our member voices



"As our suppliers vary significantly, we need to understand where the ethical, social and environmental risks are so that we know where we need to focus our attention most. Embedding the Sedex tool into our supplier management system makes the issues clearer for our procurement teams to identify and address."

Fiona Ball
Sky

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"As a founding member of Sedex, M&S knew what benefit such a system could deliver. It's great to see the real difference that the organisation has made in reducing duplication and helping to improve standards."

Louise Nicholls
Marks & Spencer

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