

## SGS AND THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL COMPLIANCE AUDITORS (APSCA) COMMITMENT TO THE APSCA CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As a founding member of APSCA, SGS is proud to be supporting this initiative in its aims to increase the value and effectiveness of independent social compliance audits by enhancing the professionalism, consistency and credibility of individuals and organizations performing them.

Social Compliance Auditing plays a vital role in enabling brands, retailers, producers and other partners to assess and therefore work towards improvement in labour conditions, including human rights and social issues throughout supply chains.

SGS has committed to upholding the APSCA Code and Standards of Professional Conduct and has implemented these requirements in its procedures for Social Compliance Audits. SGS auditors have also individually been enrolled onto this programme and provided their commitment to these standards.

The full code is available from the APSCA website <a href="here">here</a>. More information about APSCA, its objectives and progress can also be found at the APSCA website www.theapsca.org.

In the event that anyone has concerns about our membership or the behaviour of SGS or any of our auditors or employees involved in social compliance auditing reports can be made by emailing apsca@sgs.com. Integrity violations can be reported through this link.

