Syngenta Limited, Syngenta UK Limited, Syngenta Holdings Limited
Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

This statement is made pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and relates to the financial year ended 31st December 2019. References in this statement to Syngenta ("we", "our") are to the Syngenta AG Group, which includes Syngenta Limited, Syngenta UK Limited and Syngenta Holdings Limited. Syngenta Limited, Syngenta UK Limited and Syngenta Holdings Limited all apply and operate to the standards and practices set out below.

Syngenta

Syngenta is a business that helps humanity face its toughest challenge: how to feed a rising population, sustainably. Our world class science and innovative crop solutions transform how crops are grown to enable millions of growers to better work and use available resources.

At the heart of Syngenta’s contribution is The Good Growth Plan comprising six commitments to address critical challenges the world faces to achieve food security. Our business – and the world’s food security – depends on sustainable natural resources, healthy ecosystems and thriving rural communities, which is why Syngenta cooperates with industry partners, governments and NGOs to support the achievement of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our policies on slavery and human trafficking

Syngenta is committed to uphold labour rights in our own operations and we work with our suppliers to do the same. Syngenta takes positive action to verify, evaluate and address the risk of labour rights violations such as slavery and human trafficking in our supply chain.

Syngenta’s commitment to fair labour practices is publicly communicated through our Good Growth Plan and our participation as a UN Global Compact signatory adhering to the Principle 4: “the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor”.

Syngenta’s pledge to human rights is expressed in the Syngenta Code of Conduct, in that we comply with all national and international laws, codes and conventions and are committed to upholding the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Labor Organization’s core conventions. We seek to improve our human rights performance by referencing the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Clear policies guide all Syngenta’s procurement activities around the world. We share our standards and principles with our suppliers and expect them to live up to them when they are working with us.

In addition, our Minimum Requirements for suppliers focus on fair labour practices with special reference to Illegal, Forced, Bonded & Compulsory Labour. This document forms an integral and binding part of our contractual relationships with our suppliers.

Syngenta Initiatives

Labour standards are a priority concern for all Syngenta’s farms and production plants. We expect the same from our suppliers and take positive action to ensure fair labour conditions in our supply chain.
Syngenta audits supplier performance to ensure compliance with our standards and identify opportunities for improvement. These audits help us identify compliance gaps where immediate action is needed as well as areas requiring systemic solutions. We develop corrective action plans in collaboration with local stakeholders to address and remediate any non-conformities.

With regard to Syngenta’s seed supply farms (of which there are over 40,000 in about 30 countries), we have worked with the Fair Labor Association (FLA) since 2004 to address labour standards on these farms. Under Syngenta’s Fair Labor Program, we expect our suppliers to live up to our standards in nine areas: Employment Relationship; Non-discrimination; Harassment and Abuse; Forced Labour; Child Labour; Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining; Health, Safety and Environment; Hours of Work; and Compensation. In 2019, the Fair Labor Program coverage of our seed supply chain reached 99.3%.

In 2015, Syngenta became the first agriculture company to receive Fair Labor Association (FLA) accreditation for our Fair Labor Program in India. This major endorsement confirms that we have effective systems and procedures across all our seed production and supply operations in India to communicate our standards, assess and improve compliance, train staff to assess and resolve non-compliance cases and give workers confidential reporting channels. We continue to implement our global program in line with FLA requirements and are working to obtain FLA accreditation on a country-by-country basis.

In 2016, Syngenta started implementing its Supplier Sustainability Program in line with the Together for Sustainability (TfS) framework. Through the TfS initiative, we work collectively with other chemical companies to assess and improve sustainable sourcing practices consistent with the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, Responsible Care and the International Labor Organization. Our Supplier Sustainability Program consists of on-site audits by our own auditors and audits or assessments conducted through the TfS initiative. The program assesses suppliers’ performance against our standards, identifies potential gaps and supports suppliers to make the required improvements. In 2019, we continued to increase the coverage of chemical and packaging suppliers in the program.

In Syngenta’s flowers business, most of our Syngenta and third party commercial flower farms hold a GLOBALG.A.P. and G.R.A.S.P. (risk assessment on social practice) certifications. G.R.A.S.P. assesses social practices on the farm, addressing specific aspects of workers’ health, safety and welfare.

Please see our Sustainable Business Report 2019 for the latest up-date and more details on these programs.

Reporting

We share data and performance information about these programs publicly on our website, as well as in Syngenta’s Sustainable Business Report 2019 (previous reports can be found here) and in the Good Growth Plan Progress Report 2019.

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