

# DISTINGUISH YOUR COMPANY



## GET RECOGNIZED

Social Accountability International's SA8000® Standard enables you to meet the social compliance requirements of many global brands and retailers, including Disney, Eileen Fisher, Gucci, Miele, and Walmart.

## WHY SA8000?

SA8000 is the leading social certification standard in the world. Organizations in over 60 countries and 55 industries have chosen SA8000 to build an engaged workforce and sustainable workplace.

### Benefits of SA8000

- Reduced worker turnover
- Lower absenteeism
- Early warning of hazards and risks
- Improved control of supply chain
- Reputational value
- Systematic approach for sustainable results
- Compliance with government tenders
- Access to SAI's latest tools and resources

### Get Certified

**Step 1:** Register and join the SAI community – take the initial Self-Assessment

**Step 2:** Work with an accredited certification body to evaluate your social performance system

**Step 3:** If qualified, your company is granted an SA8000 certificate

**Step 4:** Engage with the certification body for periodic monitoring and continual improvement

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# Not Another Code Audit

SA8000 is a commitment from your organization to improve its social performance. It is not a single instance on a single day. It brings continuity and sustainability. SA8000 is designed to drive improvement in social performance, and SAI helps by providing tools, resources, and workshops to assist with implementation of the Standard.

SA8000 is an effective way to signal to all stakeholders your level of engagement and commitment. You can share the SA8000 certificate with potential customers around the world.

## An Integral Part of Your Operations

SA8000, based on the International Labour Organization conventions, uses a management system approach similar to ISO standards. SA8000 is a natural extension of the management systems your company has in place for areas, such as quality, health and safety, and environment. Adding a social performance management system creates efficiency and enables you to have a more consistent approach to managing and improving social performance.

Even if your company does not currently have a management systems approach to its operations, SA8000 can help you put operational controls in place to systematically oversee workplace performance. This can reduce and mitigate recurring problems through improved communications in the workplace that leads to a culture of collaboration.



## The Social Landscape is Changing

Social performance is not only an expectation of your stakeholders, but increasingly required by law. Global brands and retailers could now be liable for actions that take place in their supply chains under new legislation, such as California Transparency in Supply Chains Act, the French Due Diligence Law, and the UK Modern Slavery Act. This has implications for businesses around the world. Brands and retailers will have to prove due diligence in their supply chains to be compliant with the law. As the trend toward legal liability on human rights continues for business, SA8000 is a way to show your company's commitment to social performance and meet the due diligence requirements.



To get started with certification  
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