



Implementing supply chain due diligence in ASEAN

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Outline of today

- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct
- Global regulatory trends in responsible business conduct and supply chain due diligence
- Practical OECD resources available to support companies implement due diligence







OECD responsible business conduct standards



OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct



Most comprehensive international standard on responsible business conduct (RBC)



Recommendations from governments to businesses



Addressed to business in all sectors and to SOEs



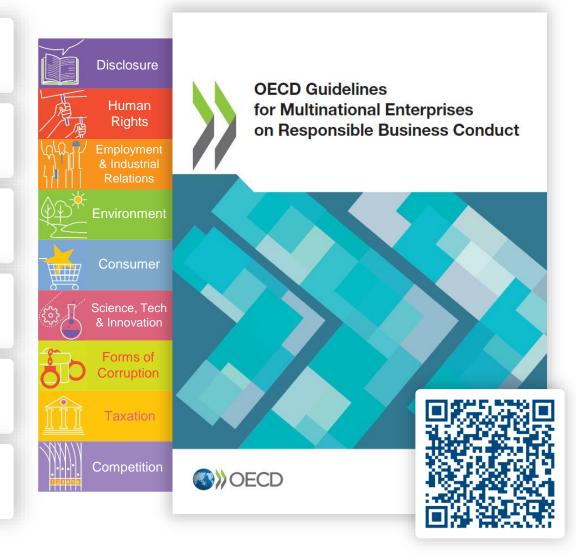
Open to non-OECD members: 52 adherents



Government commitment: promotion & grievance mechanism (National Contact Points for RBC)



Incorporate expectation of risk-based due diligence





OECD National Contact Points for RBC

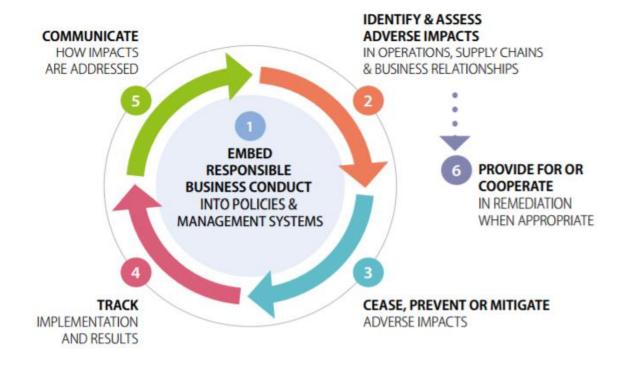




OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct

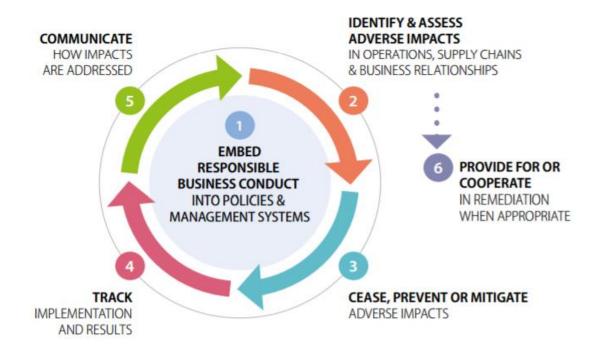


- Explains in plain language what due diligence means and how it should be undertaken
- Contains good practice examples and practical actions to help businesses
- Developed through a multi-stakeholder process





The essentials: characteristics of due diligence



- Preventative
- Involves multiple internal processes
- Ongoing, dynamic & responsive
- Risk-based
- Engages stakeholders
- Tailored to size & circumstances of the company
- Adapted to different business relationships
- Involves ongoing communication



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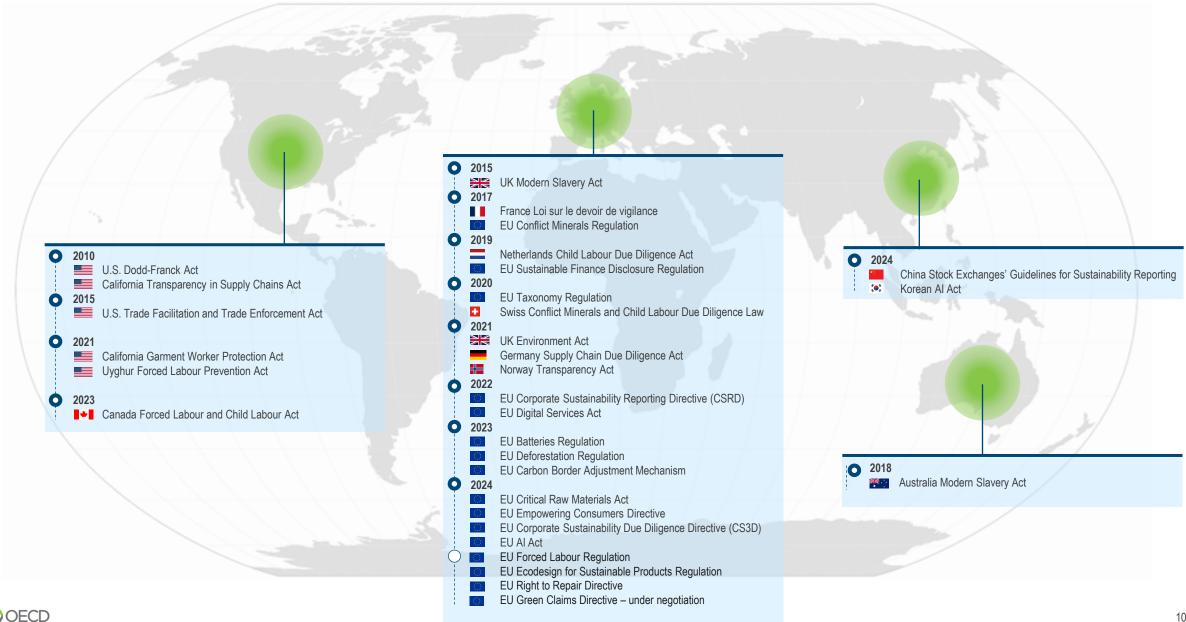




Global regulatory trends



Examples of regulatory developments on responsible business conduct



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Global responsible business conduct dynamics: regulation takes on various forms, from voluntary to mandatory

Disclosure requirements

Examples



U.K. Modern Slavery Act



Australia Modern Slavery Act



EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting
Directive (CSRD)

EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)



Canada Forced Labour and Child Labour Act



China Stock Exchanges' Guidelines for Sustainability Reporting

Due diligence conduct requirements

Examples



National due diligence laws in France, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, etc.



EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D)

EU Batteries Regulation

EU Conflict Minerals Regulation

EU Digital Services Act

EU AI Act



Korean Al Act

Product and market measures

Examples



U.S. Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act



EU Deforestation Regulation

Forced Labour Regulation

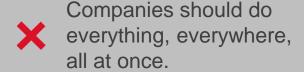


Three common myths about due diligence that need to be dispelled

MYTH 1

MYTH 2

MYTH 3







There are no limits to what is expected from companies.

Due diligence should be proportionate. Based on:

- Severity and likelihood of the impact
 - Involvement
- Context (size of the company, nature of the risk, sector, power to influence business relationship, etc)



Companies should be perfect and have no adverse impacts.

Due diligence is a standard of improvement and not perfection. Constructive engagement, not top-down approaches or 'cut and run'. Disengagement is a measure of last resort.





European Commission's Omnibus package

- In November 2024, President von der Leyen announced an Omnibus package of measures to reduce and simplify the EU's sustainable finance and corporate reporting requirements
- European Commission published its Competitiveness Compass, setting out its vision to make the EU's economy more prosperous and competitive, with simplification a key theme
- Four Omnibus proposals have been released in pursuit of these aims

Omnibus I & II

On 26 February 2025, first two Omnibus proposals were released

Omnibus I

- Aim: simplify and reduce complexity of EU requirements for businesses.
 Amend CS3D and CSRD (including postponement of the requirements),
 Taxonomy and Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- CSRD/CS3D Status:
 - Amendments: submitted to Council and European Parliament -Council position on expected June 2025, Parliament by October 2025
 - Postponement: proposal to postpone aspects of CS3D and CSRD by 1 & 2-years was fast-tracked, adopted in April 2025.

Omnibus II

- Aim: simplify and optimise the use of several investment programs including InvestEU
- Status: submitted to the European Parliament and Council

Omnibus III & IV

In May 2025, two further Omnibus proposals were released

Omnibus III

- *Aim*: simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy including through simplified environmental requirements and controls
- Status: submitted to the European Parliament and the Council for adoption

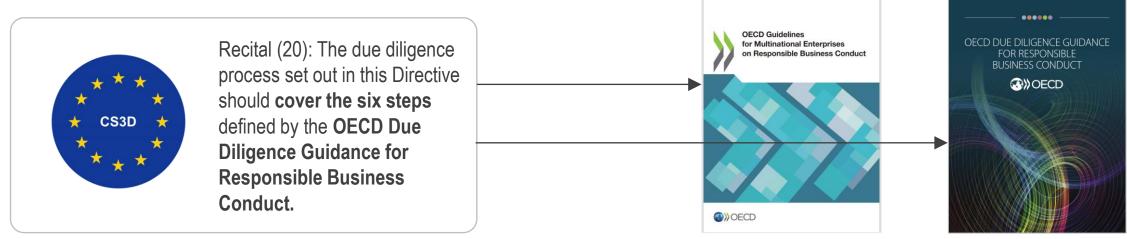
Omnibus IV

- Aim: reduce reporting requirements and administrative burdens through introduction of 'small mid-cap' category of companies; and amendments to eights pieces of legislation, including the due diligence components of the Batteries Regulation
- Status: consultation launched on the due diligence components until 29 July 2025



The EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) explicitly references and is modeled on OECD RBC standards

- CS3D requires large companies to carry out **human rights and environmental due diligence**, and adopt and put into effect a **climate mitigation plan**.
- It also introduces a civil liability regime.
- References to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), ILO Tripartite
 Declaration, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct, RBC
 Guidance, and sectoral guidances.
- Modelled on and consistent with the six-step due diligence framework of the RBC Guidance

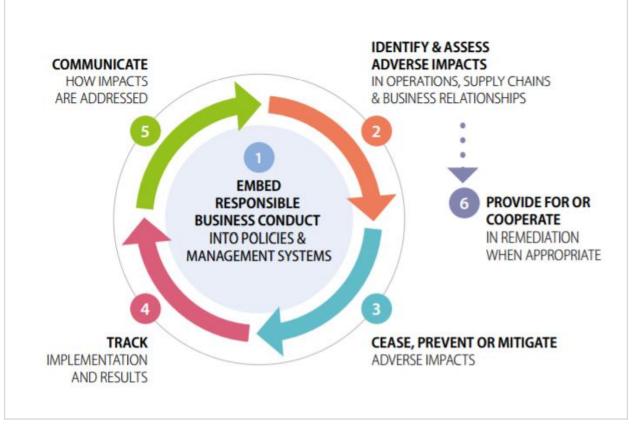


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OECD due diligence expectations are reflected in the CS3D

OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct

The 6-step due diligence process helps companies identify and manage risks related to human rights and the environment. It ensures responsible practices and addresses potential harms in operations and supply chains.



Due Diligence Steps	Corresponding CS3D Articles	
1	Art. 7	Integrate due diligence into policies and risk management systems
2	Art. 8	Identifying and assessing actual and potential adverse impacts
	Art. 9	Prioritization
3	Art. 10	Prevent and mitigate potential adverse impacts
	Art. 11	Bring to an end actual adverse impacts
4	Art. 15	Monitoring
5	Art. 16	Communicating
6	Art. 12	Remediation
	Art. 14	Notification mechanism and complaints

OECD resources available





OECD RBC resources for business

Guidance for business across sectors



High impact sectors and issues



Translations







Translations available

Burmese မြန်မာ
Chinese 中文
Indonesian Bahasa Indonesia
Japanese 日本語
Khmer មីខ្មូវ
Korean 한국어
Thai ไทย
Vietnamese Tiếng Việt





OECD RBC resources for business

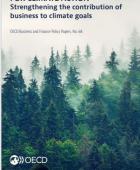
Handbooks and analysis

Handbook on **Environmental Due** Diligence in Mineral **Supply Chains**

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RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT FOR CLIMATE ACTION business to climate goals







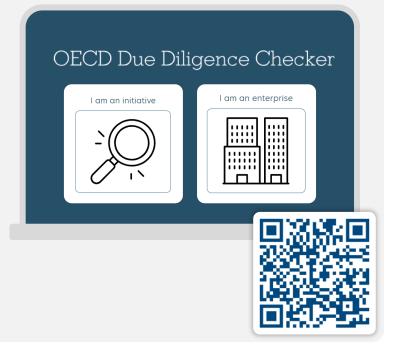
Outreach and capacity building

- Latin America and Caribbean: 26,000+ participants reached since 2019
- Asia: 11,000+ participants reached since 2018
- > 3,800+ users of the OECD RBC elearning academy



Sustainability initiatives

- OECD methodology used to assess 20 initiatives - covering 20,000+ companies and their supply chains
- Promoting alignment and credibility





Spotlight on Responsible Business Conduct for Green, Digital and Resilient Supply Chains in Asia

At-a-glance



Collaborating with government and nongovernment stakeholders in Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Singapore as well as business throughout Southeast Asia



December 2023 - November 2027 (4 years)

- Component 1: building the capacity of businesses operating in Asia to undertake RBC due diligence
- Component 2: supporting a policy environment that enables responsible business conduct



Funded by the European Union

Highlights in 2025

- Outreach on what **Responsible Al** looks like in practice
- Seminars on RBC in collaboration with business associations delving into environmental due diligence and other topics
- Analysis on access to remedy and just transition considerations in sustainable finance frameworks
- Translations and outreach on new tools for minerals supply chains (self-checkers for companies and sustainability initiatives)
 - Capacity building programme due diligence in the electronics and vehicle manufacturing sectors in the Asia-Pacific





Current training opportunity

Due diligence in the electronics and vehicle manufacturing sectors in the Asia-Pacific

Who can participate?



Businesses and industry associations in the electronics and vehicle manufacturing sectors with operations or suppliers in Southeast Asia, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea



Businesses of any size and at any stage along the supply chain – small enterprises welcome!



Open to technical experts, legal and compliance officers, sustainability specialists and executives seeking to deepen their knowledge on due diligence

Why join?

- Stay ahead of regulations and customer expectations
- ✓ Strengthen your business
- Gain practical knowledge
- Connect with peers from across the region
- ✓ Learn in English, Japanese or Korean



Join the OECD training programme on

Due diligence in the electronics and vehicle manufacturing sectors in the Asia-Pacific



Registration deadline: Sunday 8 June 2025



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