

# EUROFOODBRANDS

## Euro Food Brands Ltd & EFB Group Ltd - Modern Slavery Statement

### Introduction & Company Structure

The Modern Slavery Act is a significant step in tackling slavery and human trafficking in all its forms both within the UK and abroad. Euro Food Brands Ltd and EFB Group Ltd are responsible businesses and we are committed to understanding the risks of modern slavery and to ensuring that there is no risk of modern slavery taking place within our own business and our supply chains.

Euro Food Brands Ltd is a privately-owned company which specialises in the import, marketing and distribution of both branded and private label food products to customers in the UK and mainland Europe. Our products are sourced from the worldwide market. Our business within the UK consists of around 66 staff, employed in office based roles and remote sales roles.

Due to the nature of our business, we rely on an extensive global supply chain. We operate from 7 locations using carefully selected distribution partners. We source our products from around 60 different suppliers globally.

The structure and roles of our workforce as a UK based office and sales team present a very low risk of slavery or forced labour within Euro Food Brands Ltd. We are committed to working with our suppliers to ensure that they are also committed to tackling this issue within their businesses.

EFB Group Limited is a holding company which only trades through Euro Food Brands Limited.

### Responsibility & Policies

The directors take ultimate responsibility for anti-slavery initiatives within the company, using our HR Manager and Quality Systems Manager to advise on implementation and best practice.

### Within Euro Food Brands Ltd

Euro Food Brands is committed to the practice of responsible corporate behaviour and as such has an Ethics policy that is communicated to all staff through the Employee Handbook, which includes sections on Human Rights and Worker's Rights. Through its business practices Euro Food Brands seeks to protect and promote the human rights and basic freedoms of all its employees and agents. Within Euro Food Brands Ltd we have the following in place:

- We recruit through known and reputable agencies.
- We pay the agency fees for recruitment services. Employees never pay for work.
- We pay wages directly to employee's bank accounts
- We ensure our employees are treated well and have a grievance policy and whistle blowing policy freely available to all employees to encourage them to raise any issues

### Suppliers of Euro Food Brands

Euro Food Brands expects all suppliers and partners to work towards and uphold similar ethical and moral standards. We will investigate the ethical record of potential new suppliers before entering into any agreement. Further, Euro Food Brands reserves the right to request information from suppliers regarding the production and sources of goods supplied.

Euro Food Brands Ltd is a category B member of SEDEX (number S820073876827), which is an online platform that allows companies to share and manage supply chain information regarding labour standards, health and safety, the environment and business ethics.

Euro Food Brands Ltd reserves the right to withdraw from any agreement or other arrangement with any supplier or partner who is found to have acted in contravention of the spirit or principles of our Ethics Policy.

#### **Our commitment**

Last financial year we:

- Displayed posters in our offices to raise awareness of modern slavery amongst our staff
- Included modern slavery checks in our site visit and audit policy to ensure Euro Food Brands Ltd Technical team members are prepared to recognise and challenge signs of hidden labour exploitation at supplier sites.
- Began collating our supplier's policies on modern slavery to ensure they are aware of this and have steps in place to tackle it

This financial year we will continue our commitment to this through:

- Briefing key members of staff who visit sites so they are prepared to recognise signs of hidden labour exploitation at supplier sites
- Including Modern Slavery Education in our induction processes with all staff
- Continue to collate policies of our existing and new suppliers and include the checks in our site visit and audit policy

This statement is for the financial year ending 31 March 2020, has been agreed by the board of Directors and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Signed:



Date:

1st October 2019