

*Diageo response to "Give them a break. The bitter consequences of poor working conditions in the Central American sugarcane industry"*

*We expect our suppliers to maintain a safe working environment and meet all relevant legislation. We also encourage suppliers to conduct routine risk assessments and to improve health and safety standards continually. Like many other global companies, we do not source our molasses, which is a by-product of sugar, directly from farmers, but via international brokers. We responded to Fairfood's inquiries, providing clear information on our global health and safety standards and requested further dialogue relating to any specific areas of concern, which they were not able to provide. We are very committed to safe working conditions in our supply chain, including working with NGOs and other stakeholders to promote improved supply chain transparency.*