

Arthur J. Gallagher Services (UK) Limited

Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for Financial Year 2016

Introduction

This Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement is made on behalf of Arthur J. Gallagher Services (UK) Limited ("AJG Services") pursuant to section 54 of the United Kingdom Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the "Act"), for the financial year ending 31 December 2016.

It sets out the steps that AJG Services has taken, and is continuing to take, to ensure that modern slavery and human trafficking is not taking place within any part of our business, or in any of our supply chains.

Our Business Organisation, Structure and Supply Chains

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co ("AJG&Co") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") provide insurance brokerage and consulting services, and third party claims settlement and administration services to both domestic and international entities. Its brokers, agents and administrators act as intermediaries between insurers and their customers. The majority of the Group's revenue is generated in the USA with remainder derived primarily from Australia, Bermuda, Canada, the Caribbean, Latin America, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

AJG&Co is headquartered in Illinois, USA and it is a separate legal entity distinct from its subsidiaries that operate in 33 countries.

The subsidiaries in the UK, which includes AJG Services, ultimately are structured under one UK holding company, Arthur J. Gallagher Holdings (UK) Limited, which is a subsidiary of AJG&Co.

AJG Services does not publically trade and its primary business is to provide staff to the regulated subsidiaries in the UK.

Our supply chains are limited as we do not produce, manufacture or retail goods. AJG Services does employ external service providers contracted for the maintenance and support of our offices, including cleaning and technical support services for office infrastructure and IT, and for outsourcing certain functions ordinarily performed by AJG Services.

Our Policy and Approach

Holding persons in slavery or servitude, requiring persons to perform forced or compulsory labour, and the human trafficking of persons for exploitation, are crimes and violations of fundamental human rights. AJG Services has zero tolerance to any form of slavery and human trafficking, and is committed to enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure neither is taking place in any part of our business or in any of our supply chains.

AJG Services is also committed to adhering to the highest standards of moral, professional, and ethical behaviour, and acting with integrity and transparency in all our business relationships. AJG Services therefore expects all those connected to our supplier network, or involved in procurement for the company or in any other part of our business, to comply with the AJG Global Standards of Business, which is available to view by accessing <https://www.ajg.com/about-us/global-standards>

We comply with all laws, regulations and rules relevant to our business, and take our corporate and social responsibilities very seriously. We expect the same high standards from those we conduct business with.

An endorsement of the Group's behavioural approach is it being consistently recognised by the Ethisphere Institute as one of the world's leading ethical companies. We are pleased to be part of the Group and continue to conduct ourselves in a way that actively demonstrates our high standards of integrity, professionalism and the strength of our Group's culture and core values.

Our Policies and Standards of Business Conduct

AJG Services operates in accordance with a number of internal global and UK Group policies and procedures to ensure that we are conducting business in an ethical and transparent manner. We identify and mitigate risk across a range of areas, including slavery and human trafficking, through integrating these policies and procedures. All UK Group policies are reviewed annually and our UK group internal governance requires the policies to be sponsored at an UK Executive level and overseen by senior management, and to take account of our Global Standards of Business Conduct (together the "Standards").

Collectively the Standards address both the environment and specific issues associated with slavery and human trafficking. They include Standards for our own business workforce covering: harassment and discrimination; diversity and equal employment opportunity; safe workplaces; wage and hour laws.

We have also taken steps to address slavery and human trafficking through the following UK Group policies and processes:

- Our suppliers and service providers where appropriate, are being required to confirm that their business does not contradict our zero tolerance approach.
- We endeavour to procure rights to terminate the contract at any time should any instances of modern slavery come to light. In addition we actively require our supplier and service providers comply with all laws and regulations that apply to their business, which may, for instance, include paying their employees at least the national minimum wage or the prevailing minimum wage for international suppliers
- Our recruitment procedure includes UK work eligibility checks for all employees to safeguard against human trafficking or individuals being forced to work against their will.
- Our Remuneration and Incentive Policy addresses wage requirements.
- Our Procurement Policy establishes due diligence requirements.
- Our Business Terms and Conditions include the right to terminate relationships.
- AJG Global Standards of Business Conduct explains our values and the manner in which we behave as an organisation.
- Our Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Bribery Policies help address the business environment to reduce its potential for crime.
- Our Whistleblowing Policy ensures all employees know how to raise concerns about how colleagues are being treated or regarding practices within our business or supply chain without fear of reprisal.

Due Diligence

Primarily, through our central Procurement function, we are embarking on a programme of carrying out risk based analysis of the potential for slavery and human trafficking occurring as part of our due diligence processes when evaluating new business partners, suppliers and service providers before appointment. These checks will include as appropriate interviews, declarations, online searches and confirmation of working conditions. Thereafter, we intend to review these parties on an annual basis.

Risk Management

Overall, the nature of our business is considered to face a low risk that modern slavery and human trafficking will take place. While we have a focus on conducting risk analysis and risk management for those business partners, suppliers and service providers where risk may be higher, we are nonetheless keenly aware that the possibility does exist throughout our supply chains.

Effectiveness


AJG Services will use various central resources, including our HR, Procurement and internal audit teams to monitor the effectiveness of the steps we have taken through applying performance indicators, which include, reports of instances where modern slavery or human trafficking practices have been identified, including from employees, the public, or law enforcement agencies, and grievance mechanisms and statistics.

Further Steps

In conjunction with our Group approach, we will continue to review what further steps can be taken to ensure our obligations under the Act are met in full. Specific measures include:

- Reviewing policies, procedures and terms of business for the procurement of goods and services;
- Conducting risk evaluation for supply chains, and procurement processes;
- Develop staff awareness of our obligations, primarily through training and a specific Anti-Slavery policy.

This statement is AJG Services' first such statement and was approved by the Board of Directors of AJG Services.

Signature of Director: 

Director's Name / Position: ELISABETH IBESON / HR DIRECTOR
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Date: 15/8/17
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