

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Ethics and Supply Chains

[Ethical Trading Initiative](#)

The Ethical Trading Initiative is an alliance of companies, trade unions, and voluntary organisations working in partnership to improve the lives of workers across the globe who make or grow consumer goods.

[ILOLEX Database of International Labor Standards](#), International Labour Organization
ILOLEX is a trilingual database containing ILO Conventions and Recommendations, ratification information, comments of the Committee of Experts and the Committee on Freedom of Association, representations, complaints, interpretations, General Surveys, and numerous related documents.

["Leading a sustainable enterprise: Leveraging information and insight to act,"](#) IBM Institute for Business Value (June 2009) [PDF]

According to this IBM study, today's organizations should consider developing new sources of operational, supply chain, and customer information to gain new levels of insight for meeting sustainability and corporate social responsibility objectives.

["Losing Out by Aiming Too Low: The Transformational Power of Outsourcing,"](#) Deloitte Insights podcast (April 21, 2009)

By focusing narrowly on cost reduction, companies can lose sight of the other important benefits outsourcing can offer. When aligned with a company's overall business strategy, outsourcing can actually be transformational—a catalyst for change that can improve performance and give companies a leg up on their competitors.

[Portal for Responsible Supply Chain Management](#)

This website allows practitioners access to hands-on tools and information to further develop their own approach to Corporate Social Responsibility in the Supply Chain.

[Social Accountability 8000](#), Social Accountability International [PDF]

The intent of SA8000 is to provide a standard based on international human rights norms and national labor laws that will protect and empower all personnel within a company's scope of control and influence, who produce products or provide services for that company, including personnel employed by the company itself, as well as by its suppliers/subcontractors, sub-suppliers, and home workers.