



SA8000 Certification

Enhancing your company's reputation through social responsibility

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The current global business environment is motivating organizations to consider the full social and ethical impacts of their corporate activities and policies. Those companies who are able to prove a responsible approach to broader social and ethical issues will gain a vital competitive edge and inspire the confidence of stakeholders such as client, investors, local community and consumers.

Social concerns like child labour, forced labour and discrimination require companies to not only consider their own direct sphere of influence but also their entire supply chain. The concept and value of employing an independent, third party to monitor social responsibility is becoming increasingly important.



SOLUTION

What is SA8000?

SA8000 is the first auditable standard in this field. In particular, it is compatible with ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS18001 structure and based on conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The worldwide-recognized certification to the SA8000 standard involves the development and auditing of management systems that promote socially acceptable working practices bringing benefits to the complete supply chain.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION?

Expertise ■ Bureau Veritas Certification is a world leader in the field of accredited social responsibility certification. Bureau Veritas Certification received SA8000 accreditation in January 1999 and has conducted audits in more than 30 countries in all types of business sectors and activities.

Recognition ■ Bureau Veritas Certification is a member of the SA8000 advisory board.

Network ■ We operate in more than 100 countries. This global presence means that our clients can receive the double advantage of international expertise combined with a genuine depth of local knowledge (language, culture, laws, customs, etc.) ensuring a high quality audit.

Mark of global recognition ■ The Bureau Veritas Certification Mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization's ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.



RELATED SERVICES

In addition to SA8000 certification, Bureau Veritas Certification can also supply assurance services of sustainability reports in accordance to the following standards and guidelines:

- AA1000
- GRI – Global Reporting Initiative
- VeriSEAR®
- BSCI

ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 and SA8000 are built to be compatible. Bureau Veritas Certification offers the possibility of integrated certification services (quality, health & safety, environment and social responsibility), generating audit efficiency, consistency and optimization.



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Move Forward with Confidence

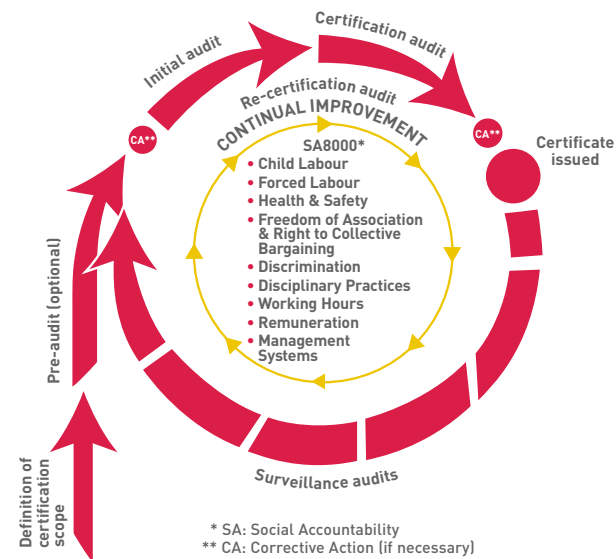
OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Key steps in our certification process are:

- Definition of certification scope;
- Pre-audit (optional); gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against the standard;
- Audit preparation: meeting and/or consultation with NGOs and Trade Unions in order to gather information related to the context of the company;
- Initial audit to verify the implementation of the basic structure of the Management System (legislation and regulations applying...);
- Certification audit (certificate issued);
- Surveillance audits to follow the continual improvement;
- Re-certification after 3 years through full audit or continual assessment.

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Following each step a straightforward and complete report is quickly delivered allowing your company to continually improve its social responsibility management performance.

FAQ

Who is SAI?

SAI "Social Accountability International" is a non-governmental, international, multi-stakeholder organization dedicated to improving workplaces and communities by developing and implementing socially responsible standards. SAI convenes key stakeholders to develop consensus-based voluntary standards, conducts cost-benefit research, accredits auditors, provides training and technical assistance, and assists corporations in improving social compliance in their supply chains.

Does SA8000 apply to all industries?

No, due to the nature of some industries, they are excluded from the scope of SA8000, for example agriculture and extractive industries. However, Bureau Veritas Certification can help organizations in these sectors adopt alternative approaches in order to achieve their corporate social responsibility objectives.

With 80,000 clients in more than 100 countries, delivering over 100,000 certificates, Bureau Veritas Certification is the world's leading certification body.

Relying on a global network of 5,700 highly qualified auditors and a vast expertise that is recognized by more than 35 national and international Accreditation Bodies, Bureau Veritas Certification provides you with a comprehensive range of certification and auditing services from public standards to more customized schemes, in the fields of Quality, Health, Safety, Environment, and Social Responsibility (QHSE-SR).

Bureau Veritas Certification (formerly BVQI) is the independent certification body of Bureau Veritas, which is an international group with a core business of conformity assessment, applied in the areas of QHSE-SR. Bureau Veritas serves more than 280,000 customers in 140 countries.

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