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## Implementation of the Supply Chain Due Diligence Law (LkSG)

### To Whom It May Concern:

The law on corporate due diligence in supply chains (hereinafter "Supply Chain Due Diligence Act" or "LkSG"), which has come into force, requires companies to comply with due diligence obligations along the supply chain. With this letter we inform about our measures and expectations of our partners, suppliers and service providers to ensure the legal requirements arising from the LkSG.

We, the HZI, are committed to complying with human rights in our own business activities and in our global supply and value chains in accordance with the requirements of the LkSG, to oblige our suppliers and service providers to operate in accordance with the rules, and to provide those affected by human rights and environmental protection violations with access to remedies.

We expect all of our suppliers to commit to respecting human rights, to comply with the due diligence obligations with regard to human and environmental rights described in the LkSG and to pass on these expectations to their own suppliers and service providers. We also expect that they commit to setting up appropriate processes to comply with due diligence obligations, taking appropriate measures in the event of rule violations and actively informing us about measures taken in the event of violations of the LkSG. The HZI also reserves the right to take measures against the affected suppliers and service providers if legal requirements are not observed, which may include exclusion in the event of repeated violations. At the same time, the HZI is interested in a trusting and solution-oriented collaboration and expressly calls on affected suppliers to actively exchange information about suitable remedial measures.

In this context, we would like to point out that information about violations of environmental protection aspects, human rights and inhumane working conditions must be reported confidentially at [www.helmholtz-hzi.de/de/das-hzi/kritikloesung/](http://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/de/das-hzi/kritikloesung/). Please inform your employees, partners, suppliers and service providers immediately and bindingly about the HZI's complaints procedure, which can be reached at the above address from January 1st, 2024.

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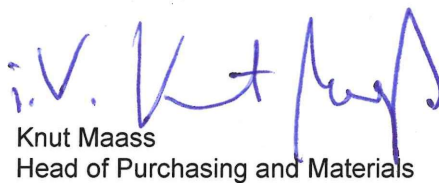
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Further information on the implementation of the LkSG at the HZI can be found at <https://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/de/das-hzi/administration-entwicklung/einkauf/>.

Sincerely



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