Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for year ending June 30th 2017



Modern slavery and human trafficking are violations of fundamental human rights. Frontier Agriculture has made a series of commitments in support of the Modern Slavery Act 2015:

- We are committed to ethical principles, and require all employees to comply with employment legislation and supply chain management legislation in the countries in which we operate.
- We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in any part of our business or our supply chain.
- We are committed to ensuring transparency in our own business and in our approach to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains.

Frontier recognises that agriculture has been identified as a high risk industry for modern slavery and takes very seriously our duty to ensure our business and supply chains are free from it. The bulk of our own operations are UK based and we have longstanding policies in place to ensure the health, safety, ethical recruitment and fair management of all our employees.

Background information

Frontier was formed in 2005 as a joint venture between Associated British Foods plc and Cargill plc and, in the financial year ending June 30th 2017, turned over £1.4 billion. Frontier has 46 sites across the UK, with main offices in Perth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Cranswick, Witham St Hughs, Diss, Sandy, Andover and Ross-on-Wye. At June 30th 2017 Frontier employed 981 permanent staff, increasing in the summer months by around 150 temporary staff for harvest.

Operating across all aspects of arable crop production and grain marketing, Frontier supplies seed, crop protection products and fertiliser to farmers, as well as providing specialist agronomy advice and services. Frontier runs a transport fleet extending to 117 LGVs and is also the UK's largest grain storekeeper, managing around 750,000 tonnes of storage. Frontier has a number of divisions providing additional specialist advice to growers, and also operates a joint venture at Southampton Grain Terminal. Frontier's policies apply to all our divisions and subsidiaries, including new acquisitions.

Frontier's company values of integrity, customer focus and expertise are clearly defined, communicated to all employees and measured as part of every employee's performance appraisal. Our commitment to the value of integrity has been defined as follows:

- We are honest, respectful and reliable in the way we work with each other and the people with whom we do business
- We do things properly because we know it's the right thing to do
- We behave consistently in terms of openness, honesty, inclusiveness and high standards
- We deliver what we have promised or are open about why this has not been possible
- We develop company policies and procedures to ensure we operate within the law and we take responsibility for our actions.

Our approach to implementing the 2015 Modern Slavery Act reflects our values and our leadership position in UK Agriculture.

Our existing processes

Frontier runs a highly skilled, experienced Human Resources department, which operates within a series of policies regarding the recruitment, selection, training and management of our employees. All managers in the business have access to training in all areas of the employee lifecycle and are supported by HR in the way they implement them. In addition, 101 managers have now taken part in our Leadership Development Programme, which includes a specific HR Module.

Our existing policy on Respect, Diversity and Equality details how Frontier values differences and aims to treat people with respect and conduct all activities in a non-discriminatory manner. In addition our Whistleblowing Policy protects those who raise concerns over any aspect of our operations, which will include Modern Slavery issues.

Frontier has clearly stated that its number one priority is the health and safety of all our people and those that work with us. Our policies, practices and audits demonstrate our commitment in this area and we make awards for employees who are active in promoting Health and Safety above commercial interests.

The Responsible Choice is Frontier's response to the sustainability agenda and sets out our aspirations and corresponding actions in five key areas: People, Partnership, Planet, Production and Prosperity. Modern Slavery Act compliance forms part of our work under the People pillar but our approach to managing the risk of modern slavery in our supply chains will be simplified by our approach under the Partnership pillar, which requires close collaboration with all colleagues, customers and suppliers. A Modern Slavery Compliance Group, comprising nine senior managers from across the business, is responsible for managing our approach to the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Activity during this financial year

Frontier is a member of SEDEX (the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange) which is dedicated to driving improvements in responsible and ethical business practices in global supply chains. This year we have added further sites to SEDEX and now have a total of nine of our sites registered.

During the financial year ending June 30th 2017, the Modern Slavery Compliance Group met regularly, either in person or by conference call, to assess risk, identify actions and implement the decisions made in relation to modern slavery.

Frontier's modern slavery policy was approved by our board of directors, along with the 2016 Modern Slavery Statement, and published to our website on 1st December 2016. In addition, the policy was mailed to all employees at their home addresses with an explanatory letter, and published on notice boards, on Yammer and on our intranet. The policy has also been included in the 'day one' pack for all new starters, of which there have been 90, since the same date.

From June 2017 we have included details about Modern Slavery in our orientation workshop, which is run by HR alongside members of our Senior Management Team, and is designed to introduce new employees to Frontier's business, values and policies. We have amended our various terms and conditions documents at the point of reprint to include reference to Modern Slavery; these apply to customers and suppliers. In addition, we have amended our Contractors' site safety instructions to include the same; these are now sent to all approved contractors on renewal.

In January 2017 we mailed a copy of our Modern Slavery policy with an explanatory letter to 1,891 suppliers to the business. A new process was instigated which tracks new suppliers added to our systems and each month we mail the same letter with the policy to new suppliers that month; 156 further letters have been sent between February and June 2017.

Under our Modern Slavery policy, Frontier has committed to provide training for those most affected by the policy, to ensure they understand and comply with the Modern Slavery Act. Members of the MSA compliance group have attended external seminars to improve understanding of the Act itself and the options available to us for training employees. We have now identified groups of employees which will require training and a plan is in place to commence in Autumn 2017.

This statement is made pursuant to Section 54 (1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the financial year ending 30th June 2017.

The Board of Directors of Frontier Agriculture Limited delegated approval of this statement on its behalf to the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Company, at its board meeting on 14th September 2017.

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15th September 2017