

Overview and how we define Modern Slavery

Slavery, child labour and human trafficking are serious crimes and a violation of fundamental human rights. There are various forms of this 'Modern Slavery' which deprives victims of their liberty and usually involves financial exploitation.

At A G Parfett & Sons Limited we conduct our business fairly, ethically and with respect to fundamental human rights. We are fully committed to the prevention of all forms of slavery, forced labour or servitude, child labour and human-trafficking, both in our business and in our supply chains. We will not tolerate it.

This policy does not form part of your contract of employment, and we reserve the right to amend this policy at any time.

You are required to read and comply with this policy if you work for, or on behalf of the Company in any capacity including as: an employee, director, officer, worker, consultant, volunteer, supplier or service provider.

The Company's Anti-Slavery Officer, ('ASO') is responsible for this policy.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal, or termination of the contract between you and the Company. It could also involve other legal steps being taken against you.

1. Our Company

We are a cash and carry business with seven cash and carry depots, 4 retail shops and a Head Office. All our premises are located within the United Kingdom.

2. Preventing slavery and human-trafficking in our business

The Company makes appropriate checks on all employees, recruitment agencies and suppliers, to know who is working for, or on behalf of us.

The Company provides every employee with a written contract of employment. We pay every employee in accordance with the law. We comply with our legal obligations to ensure the health and safety of all of our employees and workers, including in relation to working hours, rest breaks and holidays.

All employees working within the business are required to complete the training on modern slavery. All employees after the training are then are required to sign a copy of this statement to show they have read and understood it.

3. If you are one of our Suppliers

If you supply the Company with goods or services, you must assess your business and supply chains and confirm to our ASO that you comply with your legal obligations, in relation to Modern Slavery, and are committed to ensuring there is no slavery, forced labour or servitude, child labour or human trafficking taking place in your business, or any of your supply chains. You must also provide a copy of your anti-slavery statement.

If you breach this statement or are found to have slavery or human-trafficking in your business, or knowingly in your supply chain, the Company may terminate the contract with you and pursue its legal remedies against you. We expect each entity in the chain to, at least, adopt a one up due diligence on the next link in the chain. It is not practical for us (and every other participant in the chain) to have a direct relationship with all links in the chain.

4. If you are an Employee or Worker providing services for us

You must immediately report any suspicions of Modern Slavery or human-trafficking in our business or supply chains to our ASO. Our ASO will investigate and report to our Board of Directors, within a reasonable time, on actions which may require to be taken.

You will not suffer any detrimental treatment as a result of reporting any genuine concerns, raised in good faith, under this statement. This applies, even if after investigation, they are found to be mistaken. If you believe that you have suffered any such treatment, you should immediately inform our ASO and if you are an employee, refer to our Grievance and Whistleblowing Policies.

We have zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking. We expect all those in our supply chain and contractors to comply with our values.

The Company Directors are responsible for compliance in their respective business areas and for their supplier relationships.

This statement is made pursuant of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Company's Modern Slavery Statement for the current financial year.

All directors and relevant members of staff have been briefed on this statement and its implications.

Noel Robinson
Joint Managing Director
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