

### DOC GENERICI SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT

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DOC Generici is aware of the social action carried out by generic products which having a reduced selling price, contribute decisively to the reduction of pharmaceutical expenditure for the National Health System. The list of DOC Generic products includes a wide range of products dedicated above all to the following therapeutic areas: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory, antiviral, antidepressants, anti-thrombotics, cardiovascular and gastroenteric.

The development of the activity and the achievement of social goals through the satisfaction of the needs of the scientific community and patients, respecting the interests of all those involved in the social activity or in any case in some way by it is the primary objective of DOC Generici.

This is, especially, in view of the fact that the particular sector in which DOC Generics work involves interests of great social importance, also implying an important contribution to the training of the medical class.

DOC Generici is committed to sustainability in all business activities and aims to apply the highest ethical standards. In 2021, our Management Team embraced the Pharmaceutical Industry Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management (the "**PSCI Principles**") and agreed to elaborate a Supplier Code of Conduct in line with the Principles. Our suppliers (suppliers, service providers, and contract manufacturers) play an important role as enablers of our sustainable growth and overall success.

DOC Generici promotes innovation and strives for economic, social and environmental sustainability in order to ensure delivery of our products to patients and the long-term success of DOC Generici and its stakeholders.

DOC Generici regards lasting innovation as our biggest contribution to society. Our suppliers are business partners with expertise and capabilities that we use to enable improvements in efficiency, effectiveness and business continuity which enable us to deliver medical innovations to address the needs of our patients and benefit society. In delivering innovation, our patients and stakeholders expect DOC Generici to uphold high standards of responsible and ethical behavior in our operations and to hold our suppliers to the same high standards. DOC Generici is committed and it requires commitment to supporting and respecting human rights from our suppliers.

DOC Generici does not tolerate bribery or any other form of corrupt business behaviour. Our



suppliers must adhere to the same ethical principles and work with their own suppliers on anticorruption.

DOC Generici is committed to following the sustainability principles. We require our suppliers to explicitly acknowledge and adhere to the principles embodied in the Supplier Code of Conduct, and to ensure that their own suppliers will also comply with these principles. DOC Generici evaluates supplier's adherence to the Supplier Code of Conduct through own program. This Code integrates and it is in accordance with other relevant company policies, including DOC Generici's Model of organization, control and management ex legislative decree 231/2001, Code of Ethics, Sustainability Policy and Sustainable Procurement Policy.

# Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management (https://pscinitiative.org/principles)

This document outlines the Principles for ethics, labor and human rights, health and safety, environment and related management systems.

## Companies supporting the Principles:

- Will integrate and apply these Principles in a manner consistent with their own supplier programs.
- Believe that society and business are best served by responsible business behaviors and practices.
  Fundamental to this belief is the understanding that a business must, at a minimum, operate in full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
  Are aware of differences in culture and the challenges associated with interpreting and applying these Principles globally. While companies supporting the Principles believe that what is expected is universal, it is understood that the methods for meeting these expectations may be different and must be consistent with the laws, values and cultural expectations of the different societies in the
- Believe the Principles are best implemented through a continual improvement approach that advances supplier performance over time.

## **ETHICS**

world.

Suppliers shall conduct their business in an ethical manner and act with integrity. The ethics elements include:

## **Business Integrity and Fair Competition**

All corruption, extortion and embezzlement are prohibited. Suppliers shall not pay or accept bribes or participate in other illegal inducements in business or government relationships. Suppliers shall conduct their business consistent with fair and vigorous competition and in compliance with all applicable anti-trust laws. Suppliers shall employ fair business practices, including accurate and truthful advertising.



### **Identification of Concerns**

All workers should be encouraged to report concerns or illegal activities in the workplace, without threat of reprisal, intimidation or harassment. Suppliers shall investigate and take corrective action if needed.

#### **Animal Welfare**

Animals shall be treated respectfully, with pain and stress minimized. Animal testing should be performed after consideration to replace animals, reduce the numbers of animals used or refine procedures to minimize distress. Alternatives should be used wherever scientifically valid and acceptable to regulators.

### Privacy

Suppliers shall safeguard and make only proper use of confidential information to ensure that company, worker and patient privacy rights are protected.

### **LABOR**

Suppliers shall be committed to uphold the human rights of workers and to treat them with dignity and respect. The labor elements include:

## **Freely Chosen Employment**

Suppliers shall not use forced, bonded, indentured or involuntary prison labor.

## **Child Labor and Young Workers**

Suppliers shall not use child labor. The employment of young workers below the age of 18 shall only occur in non-hazardous work and when young workers are above a country's legal age for employment or the age established for completing compulsory education.

#### Non-Discrimination

Suppliers shall provide a workplace free of harassment and discrimination. Discrimination for reasons such as color, age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, religion, political affiliation, union membership or marital status is not tolerated.

# **Fair Treatment**

Suppliers shall provide a workplace free of harsh and inhumane treatment, including any sexual harassment, sexual abuse, corporal punishment, mental or physical coercion or verbal abuse of workers and no threat of any such treatment.

## Wages, Benefits and Working Hours



Suppliers shall pay workers according to applicable wage laws, including minimum wages, overtime hours and mandated benefits. Suppliers shall communicate with the worker the basis on which they are being compensated in a timely manner. Suppliers are also expected to communicate with the worker whether overtime is required and the wages to be paid for such overtime.

## **Freedom of Association**

Open communication and direct engagement with workers to resolve workplace and compensation issues is encouraged. Suppliers shall respect the rights of workers, as set forth in local laws, to associate freely, join or not join labor unions, seek representation and join workers' councils. Workers shall be able to communicate openly with management regarding working conditions without threat of reprisal, intimidation or harassment.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Suppliers shall provide a safe and healthy working environment, including for any company-provided living quarters. The health and safety elements include:

#### **Worker Protection**

Suppliers shall protect workers from over exposure to chemical, biological and physical hazards, physically demanding tasks in the workplace and in any company-provided living quarters.

### **Process Safety**

Suppliers shall have programs in place to prevent or mitigate catastrophic releases of chemicals.

## **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Suppliers shall identify and assess emergency situations in the workplace and any company provided living quarters, and minimize their impact by implementing emergency plans and response procedures.

#### **Hazard Information**

Safety information relating to hazardous materials – including pharmaceutical compounds and pharmaceutical intermediate materials – shall be available to educate, train and protect workers from hazards.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Suppliers shall operate in an environmentally responsible and efficient manner, and they shall minimize adverse impacts on the environment. Suppliers are encouraged to conserve natural resources, to avoid the use of hazardous materials where possible and to engage in activities that reuse and recycle. Environmental management systems protect the health of workers, communities and the integrity of ecosystems. The environmental elements include:



### **Environmental Authorizations**

Suppliers shall comply with all applicable environmental regulations. All required environmental permits, licenses, information registrations and restrictions shall be obtained and their operational and reporting requirements followed.

### **Waste and Emissions**

Suppliers shall have systems in place to ensure the safe handling, movement, storage, recycling, reuse or management of waste, air emissions and wastewater discharges. Any waste, wastewater or emissions with the potential to adversely impact human or environmental health shall be appropriately managed, controlled and treated prior to release into the environment.

## **Spills and Releases**

Suppliers shall have systems in place to prevent and mitigate accidental spills and releases to the environment.

## **MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

Suppliers shall use management systems to facilitate continual improvement and compliance with the expectations of these principles. The management systems elements include:

## **Commitment and Accountability**

Suppliers shall demonstrate commitment to the concepts described in this document by allocating appropriate resources.

# **Legal and Customer Requirements**

Suppliers shall identify and comply with applicable laws, regulations, standards and relevant customer requirements.

### **Risk Management**

Suppliers shall have mechanisms to determine and manage risks in all areas addressed by this document.

### **Documentation**

Suppliers shall maintain documentation necessary to demonstrate conformance with these expectations and compliance with applicable regulations.

## **Training and Competency**

Suppliers shall have a training program that achieves an appropriate level of knowledge, skills and abilities in management and workers to address these expectations.



# **Continual Improvement**

Suppliers are expected to continually improve by setting performance objectives, executing implementation plans and taking necessary corrective actions for deficiencies identified by internal or external assessments, inspections and management reviews.

The DOC Generici Supplier Code of Conduct was proposed by the Legal & Compliance Director and was adopted by the Management Team on 6 April 2022 and entered into force the same day.