



## Ethical and responsible trading.

BECAUSE OF INCREASED CONCERN about ethical business practices and the impact of industry on the environment, manufacturers need to be sure about how their suppliers operate and where raw materials are sourced.

Complex supply chains can make accountability difficult, leaving manufacturers' reputations at risk if they have not verified all their direct and indirect suppliers.

At Trenton Box we can offer firm guarantees in four key areas of concern:

- Labour standards: fair wages for workers and good working conditions
- Health and safety: the provision of a safe working environment
- Environmental: using raw materials from renewable sources and recycling waste where possible to reduce the impact on the environment
- Business ethics: operating with integrity in all business dealings and transactions

We can offer this assurance through Sedex (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange) which promotes responsible and ethical business practices in global supply chains, and in doing so protects the reputation of each of its corporate members. This is achieved by sharing and exchanging information about operational practices and standards in two directions across the business spectrum:

- Buyers and manufacturers can view and manage information about the ethical behaviour of their suppliers
- Suppliers can share information with their customers and promote their ethical credentials

Under Sedex, manufacturers – like Trenton Box – can audit suppliers to ensure that working practices meet ethical and environmental criteria. This supplier information is based on a detailed self-assessment questionnaire.

The Sedex approach is simple and effective, based on the free availability of information. It allows manufacturers to

select suppliers who they can be sure meet their own ethical guidelines, and at the same time allows these suppliers to reach potential customers who have a strong ethical agenda.

This way, fair, ethical and responsible trading practices can be promoted and encouraged on a global basis.

Contact us NOW to find out how we can help you, or visit our website for more information about our products and services.

