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BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE (BEPI) TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

BEPI is a new initiative, launched by the Foreign Trade Association (FTA) in May 2014. The aim is to help companies to identify and manage key environmental risk factors in their organizations.

BEPI has been developed with the support of a range of stakeholders, from retailers and producers to environmental experts and assessors. BEPI uses the Global Social Compliance Programme (GSCP) Environmental Module to target a comprehensive range of environmental areas specific to each producer. In addition to Environmental Management Systems, high priority environmental areas are identified, improved upon and assessed.

Initially focused on China, Vietnam and Bangladesh, BEPI will rollout worldwide.

This approach ensures that key target areas are addressed in a tailor-made manner rather than applying one homogenous framework that may not tackle the specific environmental concerns of each producer.

BEPI covers the following environmental performance areas:

- Environmental Management System
- Energy Use, Transport and Greenhouse Gases
- Water Use
- Wastewater Effluent
- Emissions to Air
- Waste Management
- Pollution Prevention and Chemicals
- Major Incident Prevention and Management
- Contaminated Land/Soil and Groundwater Pollution Prevention
- Land Use and Biodiversity
- Environmental Nuisances



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The BEPI process assists companies to identify and address key environmental risk factors in three stages: self-assessment, improvement and assessment. Each stage guides companies towards practical environmental improvement.

SGS has been appointed as a 'Recognized Assessor' by the Business Environmental Performance Initiative (BEPI) to conduct third party environmental performance assessments in production units supplying the retail and food industries.

SGS has extensive experience in supporting businesses and organizations across the world to demonstrate their environmental and sustainability credentials through assessment, audit and certification.

SGS has been involved in social accountability since its inception and has been offering tailored audit services since 1996. Supported by the largest networks of highly trained auditors, with extensive experience of reviewing operations with particular emphasis on factory capability, labour standards, environmental compliance and business integrity we can support your responsible purchasing policies. For further information, please contact us at hk.sas@sgs.com or visit www.sgsgroup.com.hk/sas.



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