



CHILD LABOR

There shall be no child labor.

► Measurable Standards

- There is no employment or recruitment of child labor. The minimum age for admission to work is not less than the age for the completion of compulsory schooling and, in any case, is not less than 15 years or the minimum age provided by the country's laws, whichever affords greater protection.
- No person below 18 is involved in any type of hazardous work.
- In the case of family farms, a child may only help on his or her family's farm provided that the work is light work and the child is between 13 and 15 years or above the minimum age for light work as defined by the country's laws, whichever affords greater protection.

FAIR TREATMENT

Farmers shall ensure fair treatment of workers. There shall be no harassment, discrimination, physical or mental punishment, or any other forms of abuse.

► Measurable Standards

- There is no physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, or physical contact with the intent to injure or intimidate.
- There is no sexual abuse or harassment.
- There is no verbal abuse or harassment.
- There is no discrimination on the basis of race, color, caste, gender, religion, political affiliation, union membership, status as a worker representative, ethnicity, pregnancy, social origin, disability, sexual orientation, citizenship, or nationality.
- Workers have access to a fair, transparent and anonymous grievance mechanism.

INCOME AND WORK HOURS

Income earned during a pay period or growing season shall always be enough to meet worker's basic needs and shall be of a sufficient level to enable the generation of discretionary income. Workers shall not work excessive or illegal work hours.

► Measurable Standards

- Wages of all workers (including for temporary, piece rate, seasonal, and migrant workers) meet, at a minimum, national legal standards or agricultural benchmark standards.
- Wages of all workers are paid regularly, at a minimum, in accordance with the country's laws.
- Work hours are in compliance with the country's laws. Excluding overtime, work hours do not exceed, on a regular basis, 48 hours per week.
- Overtime work hours are voluntary.
- Overtime wages are paid at a premium as required by the country's laws or by any applicable collective agreement.
- All workers are provided with the benefits, holidays, and leave to which they are entitled by the country's laws.

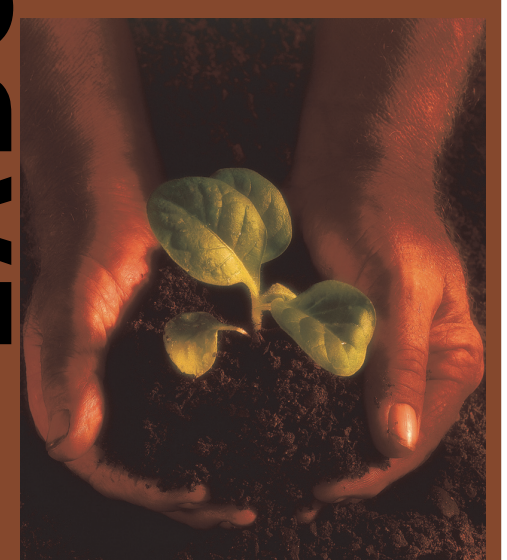


Alliance One International, Inc. (AOI) is committed to eliminate child labor and other labor abuses where they are found and to achieve safe and fair working conditions on all farms from which AOI sources tobacco.

This Agricultural Labor Practice Code supports this objective by defining the labor practices, principles and standards AOI expects to be met on all farms with which AOI has contracted to purchase tobacco. This Code is based on State and National Labor Laws and the labor standards of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and other relevant ILO conventions. The principles and standards of this code must be interpreted and implemented in line with these laws and ILO conventions.

Supporting contracted farmers to remain in compliance with the Agricultural Labor Code and its underlying principles is supported by the Core Values of Alliance One International, Inc. We will work with our entire supply chain to understand issues, both with customers and contracted farmers, and work collaboratively toward solutions to ensure compliance. AOI recognizes that in some cases long term solutions to labor issues are best supported through government regulatory intervention, industry initiatives other stakeholder involvement. AOI is committed to engaging with all relevant parties toward improvements in farm labor practices and compliance with the Code.

Farmers contracted to grow tobacco for AOI will be supported in complying with the Code through training and technical support. For their part, farmers are expected to review their practices against the Code requirements and make changes accordingly to ensure compliance verifiable through independent audits.



AGRICULTURAL LABOR PRACTICES





FORCED LABOR

All farm labor must be voluntary. There shall be no forced labor.

Measurable Standards

- Workers do not work under bond, debt or threat and must receive wages directly from the employer.
- Workers are free to leave their employment at any time with reasonable notice.
- Workers are not required to make financial deposits with employers.
- Wages or income from crops and work done are not withheld beyond the legal and agreed payment conditions.
- Farmers to not retain the original identity documents of any worker.
- The farmer does not employ prison or compulsory labor.

SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT

Farmers shall provide a safe work environment to prevent accidents and injury and to minimize health risks. Accommodation, where provided, shall be clean, safe and meet the basic needs of the workers.

Measurable Standards

- The farmer provides a safe and sanitary working environment, and takes all reasonable measures to prevent accidents, injury and exposure to health risks.
- No worker is permitted to top or harvest tobacco, or to load barns unless they have been trained on avoidance of green tobacco sickness.
- No worker is permitted to use, handle or apply crop protection agents (CPA) or other hazardous substances such as fertilizers, without having first received adequate training and without using the required personal protection equipment. Persons under the age of 18, pregnant women, and nursing mothers must not handle or apply CPA.
- Workers do not enter a field where CPA have been applied unless and until it is safe to do so.
- Workers have access to clean drinking and washing water close to where they work and live.
- Accommodation, where provided, is clean, safe, meets the basic needs of workers, and conforms to the country's laws.



FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

Farmers shall recognize and respect worker's rights to freedom of association and to bargain collectively.

Measurable Standards

- The farmer does not interfere with worker's right to freedom of association.
- Workers and farmers are free to join or form organizations and unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively.
- Worker representatives are not discriminated against and should have access to carry out their representative functions in the workplace.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW

Farmers shall comply with all laws of their country relating to employment.

Measurable Standards

- All workers are informed of their legal rights and the conditions of their employment when they start to work.
- Farmers and workers have entered into written employment contracts when required by a country's laws and workers receive a copy of the contract.
- Terms and conditions of employments contracts do not contravene the country's laws.

Farmers and suppliers are expected to apply this Code in a **diligent and transparent** manner, and to work with AOI on **continuously improving** agricultural labor practices.

