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Company Ethics: Social Accountability

Social Accountability certification 8000 - SA 8000

Certification of the social accountability management system of one's own company is **an effective way to give visibility to company performance in terms of sustainability, with particular reference to social aspects.**

The SA 8000 standard, defined by the non governmental organization CEPAA (Council on Economic Priorities Accreditation Agency) and by a commission of 25 partners, among which Amnesty International, is based on international conventions (issued by ILO and the United Nations) concerning human rights and workers' rights and provides directives **to oppose child labour and all forms of discrimination and guarantee adequate working conditions, with particular reference to health and safety aspects.**

Aimed at protecting workers' rights, the standard is universally applicable and envisages an independent auditing process.

Compliance with the SA 8000 standard reflects a company's responsible approach to the social problems of work, in a market where ethical behaviour is frequently not a main concern for competitors.

RINA, accredited by SAAS (Social Accountability Accreditation Services), offers qualified competency in ethical certification, acquired through extensive and significant experience at national and European level and more importantly, at international level.

Certification iter

- *Definition of offer*
- *Stipulation of contract*
- *Certification audit*
- *Certification Committee review*
- *Issue of certificate*
- *Six-monthly surveillance audit*
- *Recertification audit (every 36 months)*

Benefits for the organisation

Ethical certification according to the SA 8000 standard gives a company:

- **visibility relating to respect for ethical-social principles**
- **improved credibility at international level**
- **creation of fair competition based on principles of responsibility towards social problems**
- **reduced internal conflict and consequent better company atmosphere**
- **greater access to public funds, higher score in tenders**

The socially responsible consumer

The consumer is a key figure whose choices strongly influence company behaviour as regards social accountability.
Each time, as consumers, we buy something, we make a choice: the traditionally used criteria are those of quality and price, but a growing number of consumers are also beginning to take into consideration ethical aspects associated with production and use of the goods.

The consumer is showing greater awareness of social problems and becoming more selective also on the basis of compliance, by companies, with ethical principles.

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