



Sustainability evaluation of our suppliers

Dear Supplier,

Corporate responsibility means bearing the consequences of our actions – everywhere they occur. Respect for human rights, observance of high standards of environmental protection, and ensuring good, safe, fair working conditions in the manufacture of our products is important to us even outside our own production facilities.

The assumption of responsibility in global supply chains is also governed by a growing number of laws and requirements. The Purchasing Department at Sartorius is responsible for ensuring compliance with these laws and regulations in procurement operations. Sartorius is therefore actively involved with its suppliers. We use a multistage process to verify compliance with our requirements for sustainability in the production process. Our aim in doing so is to instigate actual change for the better in our suppliers' labor, social, and environmental standards.

We follow a risk-based approach to set priorities for this review. For suppliers with particular relevance for our business processes and/or high purchasing volumes, we use the external sustainability assessment platform EcoVadis. The EcoVadis rating covers a wide range of non-financial management systems, including labor and human rights, ethics, sustainable procurement, and environmental impacts. Here, risk is analyzed based on a self-assessment and the review of related documents.

The sustainability evaluation of our suppliers is part of our strategic orientation toward improved sustainability. For this reason, participation in the program is mandatory and the results of the analyses are integrated into our sourcing processes.

EcoVadis will shortly send you an invitation message for the sustainability evaluation. If you have any questions, the EcoVadis team and your contacts in the Purchasing Department or Corporate Responsibility at Sartorius will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your support.

With best regards,

Sartorius Sourcing