

Meiji Dairy Australasia Pty. Ltd.

Modern Slavery Statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2022

This Modern Slavery Statement describes the steps taken by Meiji Dairy Australasia Pty. Ltd. (“MDA”) during its financial year ending 31 March 2022 to address modern slavery risks in its operations and supply chains in accordance with the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth). MDA does not tolerate modern slavery within its business or within its supply chains. MDA is committed to ensuring that it complies with all measures to identify, manage, and mitigate the risks of modern slavery within its business, and expects its suppliers to abide by the same values.

1. Business Structure and Operations

MDA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Meiji Co., Ltd. (“Meiji”) which is a Japanese food company, and Meiji is a wholly owned subsidiary of Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd. (“Meiji HD”) which is a holding company. MDA acts to address the risk of modern slavery in cooperation with Meiji and Meiji HD.

We at the Meiji Group (its ultimate parent company is Meiji HD) seek to be a corporate group that widens the world of Tastiness and Enjoyment, meets consumers’ expectations regarding Health and Reassurance, and makes a positive contribution to the lives of people around the world by offering products and services in a wide range of fields to every generation, from infants to seniors. Based in Japan, the Meiji Group also does business in the U.S., Europe, Asia, and Oceania with more than 17,000 employees around the world.

The Meiji Group conducts business mainly in the fields of food and pharmaceuticals in about 200 countries and regions. In the food business, Meiji manufactures and sells milk and dairy products, processed foods, confectioneries, nutritional products, and more. Meiji has 19 Group companies and 26 production plants in Japan, while overseas it has 19 Group companies in such places as

China, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, and the U.S.

MDA is based in Melbourne, and has a branch office in Singapore. MDA is mainly in charge of procurement of food ingredients and raw materials used by Meiji in its manufacturing, employs one (1) employee at its head office in Melbourne, and two (2) at its branch office in Singapore. They are employed in accordance with the local laws and regulations of such municipalities and countries, including, but not limited to, ensuring wages at or above the statutory minimum are paid, and employees can operate in a safe environment.

2. Supply Chain Overview

MDA works with approximately 30 suppliers, procures food ingredients such as dairy raw materials from Australia, the United States, and some other countries. MDA acknowledges that both Australia and the United States have low overall weighted averages for vulnerability of modern slavery, being 4.3% and 15.9% respectively (Global Slavery Index, 2018). Most of the procured ingredients are supplied mainly to Meiji's subsidiary in Singapore, and then exported to Japan as intermediate processed products, which are used for processed foods produced at Meiji. MDA's supply chains are relatively easy to understand and manage since MDA is specialized in the business of procurement, and solely purchasing and selling with our suppliers. This enables MDA to quickly recognize the possibility of the human rights risks in and around our supply chains and strive to mitigate them, as necessary.

In consolidated FY2020, the Meiji Group established the Meiji Group Supplier Code of Conduct (described in 4 below) to ensure that Meiji Group companies and MDA are working with Suppliers to fulfill our social responsibility, including the prohibition of modern slavery practices. This Group Supplier Code of Conduct provides, amongst other things, that MDA suppliers are prohibited from engaging in forced or child labor practices, prohibited from engaging in discrimination or harassment of employees, and must commit to pay all employees at least the minimum wage. MDA conducts business with a full understanding of the content and purpose of the Code and the Meiji

Group Procurement Policy (described in 4 below) and is committed to ensuring to the extent that it can, that MDA suppliers comply with their obligations.

3. Modern Slavery Risks

The Meiji Group and MDA actively work to catch potential and manifested human rights issues in each supply chain. In doing so, we refer to the advice of outside experts and to survey reports and relevant guidelines from various national governments and NGOs. After identifying human rights risks in each value chain and assessing their impact, the Meiji Group then identified the following as salient human rights issues in consolidated FY2019.

【Salient Human Rights Issues】

- (1) Discrimination
- (2) Harassment
- (3) Child labor
- (4) Slave (forced) labor and human trafficking
- (5) Violation of freedom of association and collective bargaining rights
- (6) Unfair labor conditions and wages
- (7) Occupational safety and health
- (8) Working hours
- (9) Violation of foreign workers' rights
- (10) Negative impacts on healthy lifestyles and access to water for local people
- (11) Negative impacts of marketing to children
- (12) Negative impacts on customers' health
- (13) Access to information
- (14) Privacy protection

MDA is fully aware that while it has taken steps to prevent these risks from occurring, human rights issues may arise in our operations and supply chains. MDA is determined to appropriately address the risks of modern slavery, and take steps to prevent these identified risks from actualizing.

4. Relevant Charter, Policies and their Enforcement

The Meiji Group, following deliberation by Meiji HD Board of Directors or Executive Committee, has established the following charter and policies to prevent modern slavery risks in our operations and supply chains. MDA is committed to training our employees and properly working with our suppliers in order to ensure the acknowledgement of these charter and policies.

(1) Meiji Group Corporate Behavior Charter

This document, in which we recognize the gravity of our responsibilities, prescribes the conduct that each person working at the Meiji Group, as someone concerned with the business of food and health, is to practice to ensure continual fulfillment of our obligations to society.

(2) Meiji Group Policy on Human Rights

This document, based on the concept of respect for human rights as outlined in the Meiji Group Corporate Behavior Charter, prescribes that we constantly recognize that all persons are free by nature and equal in terms of dignity and rights and that we conduct our business activities fairly and sincerely.

(3) Meiji Group Procurement Policy

This document prescribes that we be constantly alert to comply with the law, practice fairness and transparency, and prevent corruption. Together with our Suppliers, we practice procurement that is mindful of our social responsibility to protect human rights and environment to ensure we supply our customers with high-quality products and services that are safe and offer peace of mind. Based on this Policy, we have also established and follow separate Procurement Guidelines for 4 types of raw materials: cocoa, palm oil, paper, and raw milk. Also, as a member of the Global Dairy Platform (GDP), an international dairy organization, Meiji promote appropriate consumption of highly-nutritious dairy products and work to raise awareness for initiatives toward sustainability in the dairy farming industry, promoting industry-wide SDGs contributions and initiatives to consider human rights.

(4) Meiji Group Supplier Code of Conduct

In June 2020, the Meiji Group established the Meiji Group Supplier Code of Conduct in order to

achieve responsible procurement activities that consider human rights and the environment throughout the supply chain. The Code of Conduct includes a number of requirements regarding our desired state in the interest of achieving sustainable procurement activities. In these activities, suppliers should always be aware of the need for legal compliance, fairness, transparency, and the prevention of corruption in keeping with the Meiji Group Procurement Policy. As such, we have worked with our suppliers to ensure that these activities consider human rights, the environment, and other aspects of social responsibility.

Further information regarding the Meiji Group Policies is available here :

<https://www.Meiji.com/global/sustainability/policies/>. Meiji Group Policies apply to MDA and its operations in Australia.

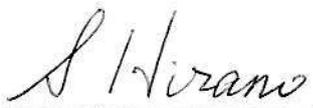
MDA is committed to undertaking appropriate and ongoing due diligence in relation to its suppliers. In this sense, Meiji HD and Meiji survey our first tier suppliers' current awareness of human rights through supplier questionnaires, and promotes enlightenment activities and other initiatives within Meiji Group. In addition, MDA strives to avoid each human rights risk in our supply chains in cooperation and collaboration with our suppliers by ensuring all suppliers have a thorough understanding of Meiji Group Supplier Code of Conduct.

5. Assessing the Effectiveness of our Action

MDA is committed to assessing, on an ongoing basis, the effectiveness of its actions to address the risks posed by modern slavery. MDA works with Meiji's and Meiji HD's key divisions (business divisions, human resources, legal and sustainability, etc.), and will continue our efforts to address and reduce human rights risks in our operations and supply chains. Specifically, by using the supplier questionnaires that Meiji HD and Meiji conducted as reference, MDA strive to grasp and analyze the actual situation and status of our suppliers. This analysis includes an assessment of

human rights risks and remediation processes by each supplier, and MDA will enhance our engagement with each supplier as needed. Furthermore, MDA is truly committed to protect against the risks posed by modern slavery and commits to maintaining a consistent awareness of issues related to human rights and modern slavery risks, conducting ongoing monitoring of inappropriate practices within our company and supply chains, and assessing the effectiveness of our actions taken above on an ongoing basis.

This Statement was approved by the Board of Directors of MDA on 2 September 2022.



Seiji Hirano
Managing Director
2 September 2022

MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018 (CTH) – STATEMENT ANNEXURE

Principal Governing Body Approval

This modern slavery statement was approved by the *principal governing body* of

Meiji Dairy Australasia Pty Ltd

as defined by the *Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)*¹ ("the Act") on 2 September 2022

Signature of Responsible Member

This modern slavery statement is signed by a *responsible member* of

Meiji Dairy Australasia Pty Ltd

as defined by the Act²:



Seiji Hirano / Managing Director of Meiji Dairy Australasia Pty, Ltd.

Mandatory criteria

Please indicate the page number/s of your statement that addresses each of the mandatory criteria in section 16 of the Act:

Mandatory criteria	Page number/s
a) Identify the reporting entity.	1
b) Describe the reporting entity's structure, operations and supply chains.	1-2
c) Describe the risks of modern slavery practices in the operations and supply chains of the reporting entity and any entities it owns or controls.	2-3
d) Describe the actions taken by the reporting entity and any entities it owns or controls to assess and address these risks, including due diligence and remediation processes.	3-4
e) Describe how the reporting entity assesses the effectiveness of these actions.	5
f) Describe the process of consultation on the development of the statement with any entities the reporting entity owns or controls (a joint statement must also describe consultation with the entity covered by the statement).*	N/A
g) Any other information that the reporting entity, or the entity giving the statement, considers relevant.**	1-5

* If your entity does not own or control any other entities and you are not submitting a joint statement, please include the statement 'Do not own or control any other entities' instead of a page number.

** You are not required to include information for this criterion if you consider your responses to the other six criteria are sufficient.

- Section 4 of the Act defines a principal governing body as: (a) the body, or group of members of the entity, with primary responsibility for the governance of the entity; or (b) if the entity is of a kind prescribed by rules made for the purposes of this paragraph—a prescribed body within the entity, or a prescribed member or members of the entity.
- Section 4 of the Act defines a responsible member as: (a) an individual member of the entity's principal governing body who is authorised to sign modern slavery statements for the purposes of this Act; or (b) if the entity is a trust administered by a sole trustee—that trustee; or (c) if the entity is a corporation sole—the individual constituting the corporation; or (d) if the entity is under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*—the administrator; or (e) if the entity is of a kind prescribed by rules made for the purposes of this paragraph—a prescribed member of the entity.