The Business Environmental Performance Initiative (BEPI)

Building Mature and Resilient Supply Chains
WHAT IS BEPI?

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BEPI is a practical system that empowers companies to improve the environmental performance of their supply chain.

BEPI has developed a range of tools and services in collaboration with participating businesses and stakeholders to:

- Assess performance at factory level;
- Support targeted improvement;
- Gather and share key performance data;
- Train management and workers; and
- Track and measure progress.

WHY BEPI?

From Risk to Opportunity

Businesses are and will continue to be called upon to address environmental issues, not only in their direct operations but also in their supply chains, with transparency and due diligence being key.

As a business, this means understanding the environmental risks facing your often complex supply chain and recognising those issues with the greatest impact and relevance to your stakeholders.

BEPI aims to build mature and resilient supply chains by reducing negative environmental impacts and helping you understand and increase the environmental performance of your supply chain.

BUILT ON INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICE

BEPI is based on the GSCP Environmental Reference Tools, which were created according to industry best practice.

"Harmonise existing efforts and deliver a common, consistent and global approach across sectors for the continuous improvement of working and environmental conditions in global supply chains"

Global Social Compliance Programme’s mission
THE BEPI JOURNEY

An easy step-by-step approach, allowing participants and producers to take the journey together, providing transparency along the way.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE AREAS

The BEPI self-assessment is the first step in assessing environmental performance at producer level. It covers a comprehensive set of 11 Environmental Performance Areas and is based on the GSCP Environmental Reference Tools.

- Environmental Management Systems
- Energy Use, GHG and Transport
- Water Use
- Wastewater
- Emissions to Air
- Pollution Prevention and Chemicals
- Major Incident Prevention and Management
- Contaminated Land / Soil and Groundwater Pollution Prevention
- Land Use and Biodiversity
- Environmental Nuisances
- Waste Management
**PRIORITISE TO MAXIMISE**

BEPI helps you and your supply chain shortlist the top five environmental hot spots by location. This allows for focused efforts, increasing the impact of improvement activities.

1. **BEPI SELF-ASSESSMENT**
   Producers will complete their producer profile and BEPI self-assessment online through the BEPI platform, providing comprehensive data across 11 environmental areas.

2. **GAP ANALYSIS**
   Based on the answers given in the self-assessment, the BEPI platform provides a gap analysis showing strengths, weaknesses and level of environmental management.

3. **PRODUCTION PROCESSES**
   Based on a detailed understanding of the on-site production processes, the main areas of potential impact are prioritised. The prioritisation method used is based on the International Reference Life Cycle Data System (ILCD) and highlights the four most relevant environmental areas per production process. A fifth area – environmental management systems – is always included, since good management of environmental areas is a fundamental part of BEPI. An optional sixth area can be added.

4. **FOCUSED IMPROVEMENT**
   Taken together, the gap analysis and prioritisation process provides you with a shortlist of the most relevant environmental areas per producer, allowing all actors to focus on what is really important.
BEPI MEASURES, SO YOU CAN MANAGE

BEPI's online platform and FTA Sustainability Intelligence Dashboard gives you easy access to all your key data throughout your journey with us, allowing you to:

- Make informed decisions;
- Track progress;
- Benchmark the performance of your supply chain; and
- Communicate your success to stakeholders.

You will have access to:
- Comprehensive environmental data;
- Gap analysis across 11 environmental areas; and
- Detailed information on improvement progress.

HOW TO JOIN

Join us in creating more mature and resilient supply chains.
Contact us at bepi@fta-intl.org or visit our website at www.fta-intl.org

BENEFITS FOR YOU

By joining BEPI, you will be able to:

- Efficiently drive environmental improvement in your supply chain;
- Collaborate with industry peers to save time and resources, and reduce duplication of efforts;
- Increase the resilience of your business to industry and market changes;
- Improve your businesses' reputation by meeting the expectations of your customers and stakeholders.

BEPI WORKS ACROSS ALL SECTORS, COUNTRIES AND TIERS OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN

BEPI Membership Services:

Training and Awareness building:
- Topical training for you and your supply chain on relevant environmental issues, for example chemical management; and
- Access to local workshops and e-learning through the FTA Academy.

Support:
- A membership support team;
- A global network of satellite offices offering support on the ground; and
- Personalised support and advice from our subject matter experts.

Monitoring:
- An online supply chain management platform that saves effort and cost through sharing potential;
- Access to the BEPI Self-Assessment questionnaire at no cost for producers
- BEPI-approved service providers; and
- Access to the FTA Sustainability Intelligence Dashboard.
The Foreign Trade Association (FTA) is the umbrella organisation of BEPI and the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), and also offers an International Trade Policy service. FTA unites 1,900 retailers, importers and brands to defend values of international trade and offers practical solutions towards more sustainable supply chains.

To learn more, visit the FTA website at:
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