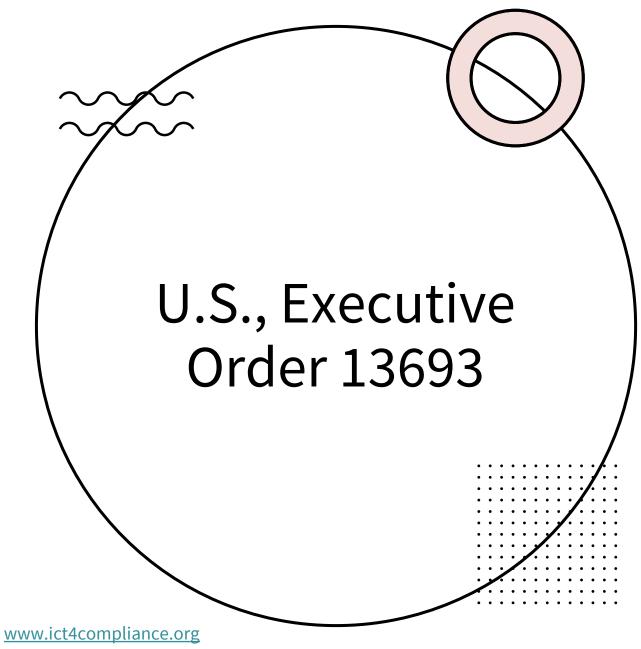


Our Common Future, UN Brundtland Commission (1987)

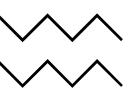
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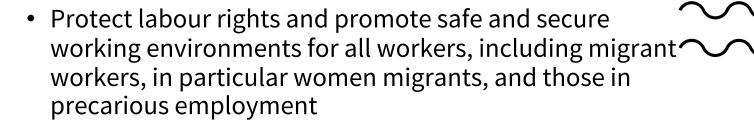
• U.S., Executive Order 13693, Planning for Sustainability in the Next Decade, which sets goals for maintaining Federal leadership in sustainability, was issued In 2016,



Worker Safety and Health Considerations in the UN Sustainable Development Goals

- On January 1, 2016, 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in September 2015 at a historic United Nations (UN) Summit, officially came into force. Each of the goals, which include specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years, are meant to inform and guide strategies for governments, the private sector, civil society, and individuals. Because of their wide acceptance and broad applicability, some organizations are using the UN SDGs to underpin their sustainability efforts.
- A number of the SDGs have direct and indirect connections to worker and labor issues. For example:





- Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms
- By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

GOAL #8: Decent Work and Economic Growth



GOAL #12: Responsible Consumption and Production By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle



Corporate Sustainability Tools







INVESTING & SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



BUSINESS



STANDARD & CERTIFICATIONS



PROCUREMENT







RESEARCH







increased importance of transparency and reporting,



Supply chain and customer demand,



Regulations and voluntary standards,



Green procurement and contracting,



Business



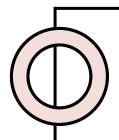
Investing



Business-Rankings

 Businesses, especially those that are publicly traded, are motivated to improve their performance to achieve high ranks on various lists, such as the Dow Jones Sustainability Index or the Corporate Knights Global 100. Other companies, even if not public, do not want to see themselves at the top of lists of underperformers in any respect.







Demand



Identifying where and how OSH expertise and awareness can be used to drive consumer (e.g., investors, NGOs, public) and supply chain (e.g., business to business interactions) demand may drive conversation and action that can better protect workers.



Costs

Costs and benefits associated with OSH are not well established and may be externalized. Better demonstrations of the costs associated with failing to fully integrate OSH in the business model (e.g., business case) are critical for driving behavior change and highlighting opportunities for innovation.



- Perception
- (1) only a responsibility of OSHA or designated OSH professionals;
- (2) compliance focused;
- (3) costly; and
- (4) a sustainability problem in global supply chains, but not necessarily in the U.S.





Compliance

Moving beyond a compliance mentality is necessary to achieve sustainability. To leverage action, there must be a compelling case that doing more than is required makes sense for business.



Materiality

Materiality, the identification of factors that have an impact on business performance, is the

basis for sustainability metrics, standards, and reporting. Where a factor is not considered to be material, it is not measured, included, or reported on. Data demonstrating the materiality of OSH is available in only a limited number of sectors. Leveraging the use of OSH data to support findings of materiality can elevate the importance of safety and health within sustainability discussions.