SMETA is...

an audit format which is a compilation of good practice in ethical audit techniques designed to help auditors conduct high quality audits that encompass all aspects of responsible business practice created by the Sedex Stakeholder Forum (previously the Sedex Associate Auditor Group).

What’s new in SMETA 6.0?

4 Introduces the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGP) for Business and Human Rights and includes an investigation into how Universal Rights are protected within global supply chains;

4 Aims to increase both transparency in recruitment practices and quality of reporting around the recruitment process;

4 Designed to better tackle forced labour by highlighting the movement of workers across the globe;

4 Includes new details on the UK Modern Day Slavery Act 2015;

4 Improves the measurement of positive impacts at a site, using performance indicators such as worker turnover;

4 Features an expanded business ethics module, to include financial requirements, and to allow auditors to raise non-compliances in this section;

4 Has a refreshed and streamlined format, to reduce duplication.

The Sedex Stakeholder Forum (SSF)

Works to drive convergence in ethical trade/social auditing, based on and helping to shape best practice.

Active in Europe, Latin America & China.

SSF Groups include commercial auditing companies, NGOs and Sedex members.

The 3 elements of SMETA

1. A common corrective action plan format
2. Best practice guidance on conducting ethical trade audits
3. A common audit report format

SMETA is available in English

English/Mandarin and English/Spanish versions are also available to Sedex members.

The 4 pillars of a SMETA

Labour Standards
Health & Safety
Business Ethics
The Environment