KLEAN KANTEEN
An example of SLCP adoption

KLEAN KANTEEN'S SLCP JOURNEY

Klean began collaborating with their Tier 1 suppliers in 2022 to use the Social and Labor Convergence Program's (SLCP) Converged Assessment Framework (CAF) through the Higg Facility Social & Labor Module (FSLM).

As an SLCP Accredited Host, the Higg platform makes it easier for Klean and its suppliers to interact during the assessment and reporting cycle.

Through the use of SLCP, Klean expects to see greater supplier engagement and ownership of performance in areas of fair labor and workplace safety. Klean also hopes to reduce audit demands on its suppliers by encouraging other hard goods brands to use the CAF.

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In Klean's experience with self-assessment and verification in the B-Corp certification process, we find this type of exercise allows an organization to discover best practices, identify weaknesses, and create a tangible roadmap for improvement and goal attainment.

We believe the SLCP model and the Converged Assessment Framework (CAF) provide the same opportunity for our suppliers and, ultimately, a detailed, comprehensive roadmap for each supplier that leads to fair labor and workplace safety for the people they employ.

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USING SLCP IN THE HARD GOODS SECTOR

According to Klean Kanteen, the comprehensiveness of topics covered by the CAF and its broad applicability make it easy for hard goods brands to use.

With the growing use of CAF in the hard goods sector, Klean Kanteen has been able to request SLCP verified data from prospective suppliers to help assess their qualifications as manufacturing partners. This has been a helpful advancement compared to their previous process of conducting separate audits.