



CHILD AND FORCED LABOUR IN CANADIAN SUPPLY CHAINS

PART 1: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Name: Canada-Nova-Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB)

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Revised Report: No

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2.1 Information on the government institution’s structure, activities and supply chains

The CNSOPB is an independent joint agency created by the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia that is responsible for the lifecycle regulation of petroleum activities in the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore area. The CNSOPB interprets, assesses and oversees compliance with the provisions of the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord*, the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act*, the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act*, and relevant regulations for petroleum-related activities in the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore area. The CNSOPB is headquartered in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The CNSOPB’s mandate includes regulatory oversight of offshore safety, environmental protection, resource management and industrial benefits. Safety and environmental protection are paramount in all CNSOPB decisions.

The CNSOPB is a “government institution” pursuant to Schedule I of the federal *Access to Information Act*.

The CNSOPB purchases goods produced in or outside Canada. Those purchased goods are primarily finished items regularly found in an office or warehouse environment such as stationary supplies, office furniture, consumables, kitchen supplies, warehouse equipment, office safety supplies, computers, portable electronic devices, audio visual equipment, and cabling and hardware associated with networks and servers. Most of these goods are purchased from Nova Scotia based suppliers and manufactured worldwide.

2.2 Information on the steps taken to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used at any step of the production of goods produced, purchased or distributed by the government institution

Indicate steps taken in the previous financial year to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used at any step of the production of goods produced, purchased or distributed by the government institution.

Information is not available for this reporting period. The CNSOPB’s Best Value policy for procuring goods and services includes taking social considerations into account. At the time of preparing this report, no measures have been implemented to specifically remediate forced labour or child labour in the CNSOPB’s purchasing activities or supply chains.

The CNSOPB has access to the Government of Nova Scotia’s standing offers put in place through their competitive process. These negotiated standing offers fall under their Procurement Policy.

The CNSOPB is committed to periodically reviewing its procurement policy regarding this matter.

2.3 Information on the policies and due diligence processes in relation to forced labour and child labour

Does the government institution currently have policies and due diligence processes in place related to forced labour and/or child labour?

The CNSOPB currently has a Best Value policy for procurement which includes social considerations, however the policy does not specifically mention forced labour and/or child labour. In addition, the CNSOPB does not have a due diligence process developed specifically to address forced labour and/or child labour.

The CNSOPB has access to the Government of Nova Scotia's standing offers put in place through their competitive process. These negotiated standing offers fall under their Procurement Policy.

The CNSOPB is committed to periodically reviewing its procurement policy regarding this matter.

2.4 Information on the parts of its activities and supply chains that carry a risk of forced labour or child labour being used and the steps taken to assess and manage that risk

Has the government institution identified the parts of its activities and supply chains that carry a risk of forced labour or child labour being used?

The CNSOPB has not started the process to identify risks. Therefore, the CNSOPB did not identify parts of its activities or supply chains that carry a risk of forced labour or child labour being used.

The CNSOPB will consider completing an initial review to identify any parts of our supply chain or purchasing activities that carry a risk for forced labour or child labour when the Procurement Policy & Procedure is reviewed and updated.

2.5 Information on any measures taken to remediate any forced labour or child labour

Has the government institution taken any measures to remediate any forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains?

This is not applicable to the best of our knowledge. The CNSOPB has not completed an internal review process to identify any forced labour or child labour in our procurement activities or supply chains.

The CNSOPB did not take any measures to prevent and reduce risk of any forced labour or child labour in its procurement activities and supply chains.

2.6 Information on any measures taken to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in the institution's activities and supply chains

Has the government institution taken any measures to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use of forced or child labour in its activities and supply chains?

This is not applicable to the best of our knowledge. The CNSOPB has not completed an internal review process to identify any loss of income to vulnerable families that results from any measures taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains.

The CNSOPB did not take any measures to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains.

2.7 Information on the training provided to employees on forced labour and child labour

Does the government institution currently provide training to employees on forced labour and/or child labour? (Y/N)

Currently, the CNSOPB does not provide training to employees on forced labour and/or child labour.

The CNSOPB will discuss future training opportunities with the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board and Natural Resources Canada.

2.8 Information on how the government institution assesses its effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in its activities and supply chains

Does the government institution currently have policies and procedures in place to assess its effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in its activities and supply chains? (Yes or No)

The CNSOPB does not currently have any policies and procedures in place to assess the effectiveness of ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in its activities and supply chains.

The CNSOPB will consider assessing the policy and procedure requirements that may be appropriate for integration into the CNSOPB Management System.



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