

Modern Slavery Act Statement – January 2021

Our business

As a leading provider of agronomy services, technology and strategic advice, Agrii combines excellence and innovation with the latest research and development to ensure our customers can meet today's farming challenges with the highest degree of knowledge and confidence. We supply Seed, Fertiliser, Agro-Chemical and a wide range of other products and services to our customers, as well as the provision of farming advice. Agrii is the trading name of Masstock Arable (UK) Ltd. and United Agri Products Ltd.

Our ethical standards

Agrii is committed to conducting itself with the highest ethical and legal standards, ensuring that the operations within Agrii and its supply chain meet those standards at all times. Agrii is compliant with the Modern Slavery Act (MSA) 2015 and will not accept non-compliance to the act within its operations or those of partners or suppliers. We are aware that human traffickers and illegal/unlicensed gang-masters target a range of industries including those involved in the agricultural sector. It remains important that we maintain our vigilance and continually improve our controls and procedures.

Continuous Improvement

We recognise that continuous improvement is important and we closely monitor UK government guidance, updates and requirements. During the period since our last report and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Agrii UK has put in place a number of actions, including the following:

- Established a MSA Steering group of senior HR, Operations and Finance representatives who meet to discuss, implement and develop MSA controls and procedures and review progress to date.
- Implemented new e-learning training on Modern Slavery for all employees of Agrii to improve general awareness and understanding of the risks.
- Implemented a new, internal Modern Slavery Policy which outlines our response to the MSA Act of 2015, including detail of current procedures that we have in place.

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The pandemic

We are acutely aware that the COVID-19 pandemic brought increased risk to Modern Slavery in some industries and some organisations within the Agricultural sector. We understand that the situation is changing rapidly and that there could be potential impacts on the food sector supply chain, with a need to be increasingly agile, adapting to unforeseen shocks (source: [UK Parliament](#)). Whilst we continue to monitor indications affecting our industry, we can confirm that to date:

- Agrii's own recruitment and staffing demand has been stable throughout the pandemic.
- Agrii has fully supported its own employees with COVID-19 support, being more flexible with working hours, working practices and working from home, offering wellbeing advice and Agrii chose not to furlough any of its employees. All sites were fully risk-assessed as required with regular briefings to all employees on covid controls / measures in place and provision of PPE to ensure all workplaces are covid-secure.
- There have been no indications or evidence to suggest that our supply chain has suffered from an increased risk of Modern Slavery.
- Agrii's payment of suppliers has not suffered as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic with our usual supplier invoices being paid on time and in full.

Other existing procedures:

- Agrii also gives an opportunity for all employees to identify risks anonymously through its Whistleblowing process which is detailed on the Company intranet.
- We continue our internal 'risk checks' to ensure that any permanent or seasonal employment (within our 800-900 workforce, based at various sites within the UK including our production facilities) does not contravene our own ethical standards or any legislation or government guidance.
- We will promptly answer questions posed by our customers (predominantly farmers and growers) in respect of the Modern Slavery Act who wish to know more about our operations and / or our supply chain.

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Agrii is committed to ensuring our supply chain is free from human rights abuses. We actively welcome comments and suggestions from anyone within our supply chain about how we can improve our operations or further reduce risks in our supply chain. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us by emailing us on: info@agrii.co.uk

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We are aware that human traffickers and illegal/unlicensed gang-masters target a range of industries including those involved in the agricultural sector. It remains important therefore that we maintain our vigilance and activities, inclusive of those highlighted below. Nevertheless, we also recognise that continuous improvement is important and that a UK government review took place in 2019 which resulted in a number of additional recommendations which we will closely review the output of, in due course. With effect in 2020, Agrii has set up a new quarterly update with key functions to review progress with existing actions, review achievements and further opportunities and any direction from the government.

Our MSA processes

- We require new suppliers, as part of an onboarding process, to read and accept our stance in relation to preventing Modern Slavery.
- We ask new and existing suppliers to complete a new MSA form, which is designed to assess the supplier's understanding of Modern Slavery and also any risks that may be apparent in the supply chain.
- Further to any centralised processes, individual functional leaders are responsible for the compliance of their own set of suppliers helping to achieve a closer understanding of the business operations and risks of suppliers. In 2020, we will be introducing more guidance for internal functions on Modern Slavery prevention in the supply chain, and introducing audits/reporting in respect of supplier compliance.
- 2020 also sees the launch of a new Agrii policy on MSA which brings together all processes and policy principles into one document, review year-on-year developments and document any changes for the year ahead.
- Agrii continues to provide and update information for its employees about the risks, what to look out for, and enables employees to report issues that they identify via its Whistleblowing process which is detailed on the Company intranet. New starters receive relevant information upon joining the Company, within their induction, to ensure awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking, right from the outset of their employment with us.
- Continuation of our internal 'risk checks' to ensure that any permanent or seasonal employment (for our 800-900 strong workforce, based at various sites within the UK including our production facilities) does not contravene our own ethical standards, or any legislation or government guidance.
- We promptly answer questions posed by our customers (predominantly farmers and growers) in respect of the Modern Slavery Act who wish to know more about our operations and / or our supply chain.

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Company procedures

Agrii is committed to ensuring our supply chain is free from human rights abuses. We actively welcome comments and suggestions from anyone within our supply chain about how we can improve our operations or further reduce risks in our supply chain. If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact us by emailing us on: info@agrii.co.uk

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At Agrii, we are aware that human traffickers and illegal/unlicensed gang-masters target a range of industries including those involved in the agricultural sector. We continue to remain particularly vigilant within our supply chain and within our network of other partnerships. Our current and ongoing actions include:

- Requiring new suppliers to sign their understanding and acceptance of our stance in relation to preventing Modern Slavery and asking those suppliers to provide assurances to us that they understand the requirements of the act and are ensuring any risks within their business or supply chain are identified and managed.
- Asking existing suppliers to complete our Modern Slavery Questionnaire which helps us seek to understand if there are risks in the supply chain. We internally review responses to those questionnaires to assess risk and we continue to share knowledge and learnings with colleagues within our Group companies.
- The recent introduction of a new process, whereby (and in addition to the central oversight) individual functional leaders will become responsible for the compliance of their own set of suppliers. This is aimed at developing a closer insight by Agrii and its suppliers, in respect of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking risk.
- Agrii continues to provide and update information for its employees about the risks, what to look out for, and enables employees to report issues that they identify via it's Whistleblowing process which is detailed on the Company intranet. New starters receive relevant information upon joining the Company, within their induction, to ensure awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking.
- Continuation of our internal 'risk checks' to ensure that any permanent or seasonal employment (for our 800-900 strong workforce, based at various sites within the UK including our production facilities) does not contravene the our ethical standards, or any legislation.
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Date: 31st January 2019



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We are aware that Human traffickers and illegal/unlicensed gang-masters target a range of industries including those involved in the agricultural sector. Government sources report that in 2013, 10% of potential forced labour victims referred to services came from the agriculture sector (Source:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-industry-factsheets>). For this reason we remain particularly vigilant within our supply chain and within our network of other partnerships.

Our Principles

Agrii complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and will not accept non-compliance to the act within its operations or those of partners or suppliers.

Agrii makes positive efforts to identify risks and enables employees to report issues that they identify via its Whistleblowing process.

Agrii is prepared to terminate the relationship with any supplier or partner that does not comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

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Company Procedures

This statement is published on our main website and is issued to our suppliers in order to reiterate that the Company will not tolerate non-compliance to the above legislation. We issue a questionnaire to new and existing suppliers which seeks to identify any challenges and non-compliance risks which may need further investigation. We also ask suppliers to submit their public domain Modern Slavery statement to Agrii, as part of our procurement and tendering process.

We actively ask our staff to "Whistle-blow" on any risks that they identify within the course of their work in relation to this issue. A copy of our Whistleblowing policy and helpline can be found [here](#). A copy of relevant documentation is issued to new starters upon their joining of the Company to ensure awareness of the Modern Slavery Act, the actions we are taking as a Company and how to escalate any concerns. Every 3 months, an internal team will meet to discuss and review risks identified within completed supplier questionnaires, non-completion of questionnaires by suppliers and any information from employees that has been raised to us directly or anonymously through the Whistleblowing hotline. We will review this statement every 3 months as part of our internal meeting schedule as well as reviewing training needs and new-starter materials.

Agrii is committed to ensuring our supply chain is free from human rights abuses. We actively welcome comments and suggestions from anyone within our supply chain about how we can improve our operations or further ensure we all work to create a fully risk-free supply chain. If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact us by emailing us on: info@agrii.co.uk