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# BSI Sedex Services

Inspiring trust in responsible business practices for  
a more resilient supply chain



# What is Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex)?

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Sedex is the largest collaborative platform for sharing ethical supply chain data. It's a globally recognized innovative and effective supply chain management solution, helping to reduce risk, protect company reputations and improve supply chain practices.

Sedex offers a simple and effective way of managing ethical and responsible practices in supply chains. Through recognized assessment schemes, and a secure online database (Sedex Advance) to store and share audit reports, buyers (A member), buyer/suppliers (AB member) or suppliers (B member) can initiate the audit and access the reports. Sedex's aim is:

- To drive improvements in ethical performance
- Ease the burden on suppliers facing multiple audits, questionnaires and certifications

## BSI partners with Sedex to build resilient supply chains

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BSI is focused on helping to drive supply chain resilience globally. An SSF member and an affiliate audit company, BSI can deliver assessments against the following Sedex audit methodologies:

### Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA)

One of the most widely used social audit procedures in the world, designed to reduce duplication of effort in ethical trade auditing, benefiting retailers, consumer brands, and their suppliers. It provides a globally-recognized way to assess responsible supply chain activities, including labour rights, health and safety, the environment and business ethics.

BSI has a global network of qualified auditors who fulfil the Sedex competence criteria, including APSCA, enabling SMETA delivery and report upload on Sedex Platform.

### Sedex Virtual Assessments (SVA)

Sedex Virtual Assessment is a due diligence tool, enabling remote assessments of sites and workplaces. Aligned with SMETA, it provides a practical alternative to on-site audits, aiming to provide as much insight into working conditions at a site as possible.

BSI is one of the few affiliate audit companies, which are approved to conduct SVA. BSI uses immersive technology solutions to conduct Sedex Virtual Assessments.

### Sedex Stakeholder Forum (SSF)

#### Driving global relevance and effectiveness

The on-going development of audit schemes such as SMETA and other related tools, is managed through the Sedex Stakeholder Forum (SSF). This is made up of working groups which include brands and retailers, NGOs, industry experts/associations and monitoring firms that are significantly involved in ethical trade auditing.

BSI is an established SSF Member and contributes to the continual improvement of Sedex Audit methodologies.

# The benefits

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Becoming a Sedex member delivers a number of benefits. Focused on building resilient supply chains, Sedex encourages collaboration to:

- **Manage multi-tier data more simply:** through the Sedex platform, members can manage their multi-tier, responsible sourcing data simply and efficiently. They can take advantage of standardized formats and reports whilst collaborating by sharing information
- **Provide cost-effective solutions:** Sedex is 'owned' by its members, so it is completely focused on providing the responsible sourcing data, technology solutions, products and services they require. The scale and expertise of the SSF also helps us bring together members and stakeholders to drive convergence between different industry standards and methodologies
- **Driving continuous improvement:** SSF understand supply chain management as a continuous, collaborative process of improvement. Audit methodologies of Sedex help businesses identify opportunities for improvement and work with their suppliers to make changes. They also reduce duplication and 'audit fatigue' by allowing suppliers to share one set of data with multiple customers

More specifically, the benefits to buyers and suppliers include:

## Buyers

- **Visibility:** keep track of how your suppliers are performing, identify risks and see opportunities for improvement
- **Scalable:** whether you work with thousands of suppliers or just a handful, Sedex Advance can be tailored to meet your needs

## Suppliers

- **Efficiency:** simple, cost-effective way to share your responsible sourcing information with multiple buyers. Avoid repeating the same tasks and spend more time focused on improvements
- **Trusted:** the Sedex system is secure and confidential and suppliers have complete control over who can view their data





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## Why choose BSI?

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Working with BSI offers an unparalleled partnership that adds value and unlocks your organization's potential. We occupy a unique position: a trusted brand with a powerful reputation, reinforced by our National Standards Body status and century-plus guardianship of excellence.

A purpose-driven Royal Charter Organization, we support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals to harmonize and engage with a global framework of commitments.

We have a peerless track record in auditing organizations around the world. Our collective expertise and overview of audits across organizations, supply chains, industries and global locations qualifies us to compare and benchmark performance. We leverage this insight to inspire trust in responsible business practice, for a more resilient global supply chain.



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