

Responsible sourcing

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way

Demonstrate your unwavering dedication to transparency throughout your supply chain.



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In a world full of fast-changing risks and a complex regulatory environment, a responsible sourcing strategy is not merely an option; it's imperative for forward-thinking businesses.

ESG regulations continue to gain momentum and consumer expectations increasingly prioritise responsibly sourced products and supply chain transparency. As a result, showcasing your unwavering dedication to responsible sourcing is more crucial than ever. At this pivotal moment, our highly regarded team of compliance, ESG, and supply chain specialists are here to assist your business in forging a sustainable future.

Whether you are starting out in your responsible sourcing journey or have specific needs within your supply chain, we can help you:

Increase the transparency of your supply chain

Demonstrate responsible sourcing credentials to your existing and prospective stakeholders

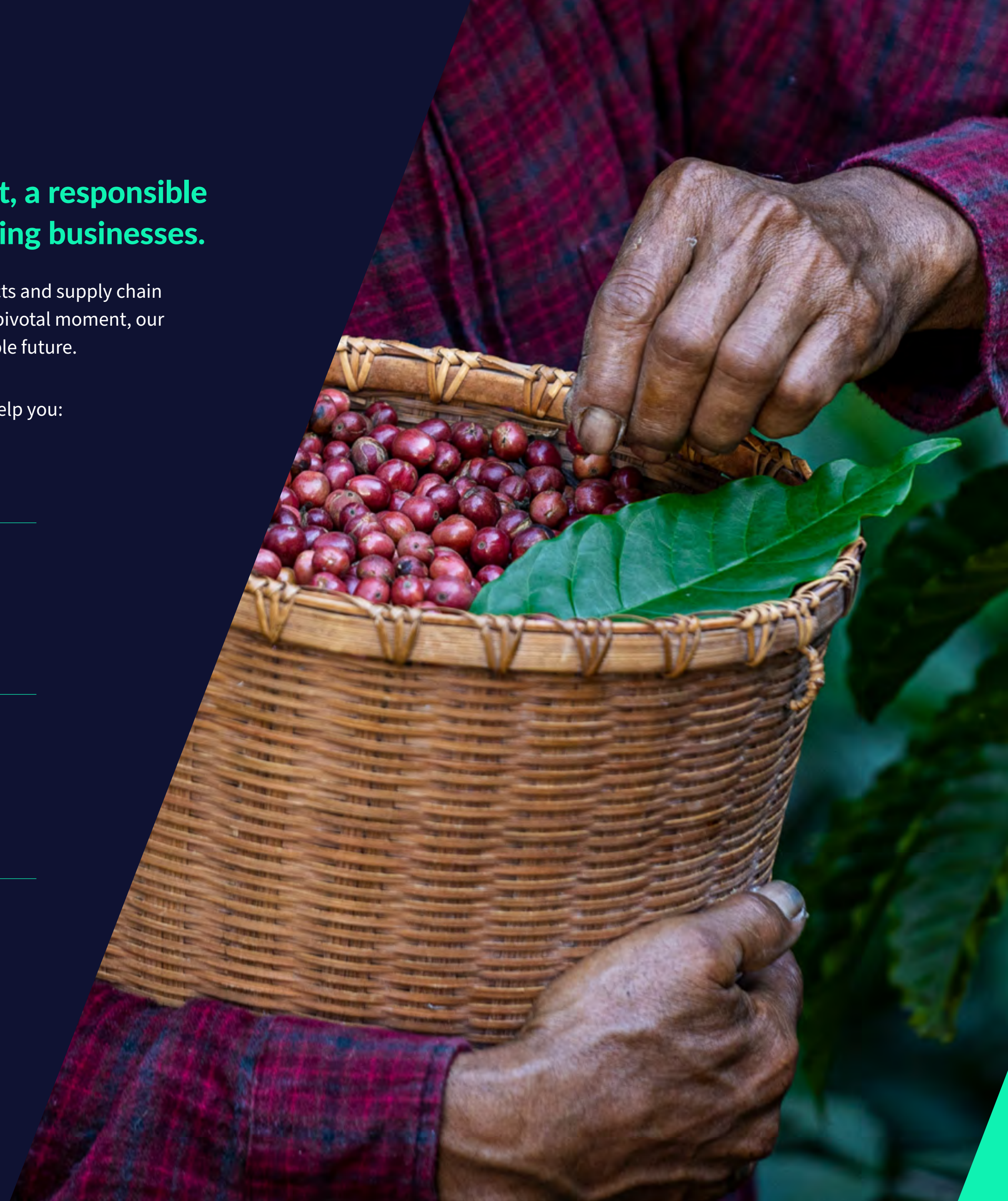
Understand how workers are being treated throughout your supply chain

Meet the expectations of your stakeholders, including consumers

Understand the markets you operate in, including expectations of health, safety, labour standards and beyond

Gain the trust of your stakeholders, demonstrating how ethical your brand can be

Comply with both existing and upcoming legislation



An effective responsible sourcing programme with LRQA

A successful responsible sourcing programme will help you directly connect your strategic challenges to specific tactical programmes of work as well as identify, prioritise and manage risk to drive business performance while meeting regulatory requirements.

Our end-to-end services ecosystem covers assessment, advisory, program management, and analytics solutions.



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Monitoring with world leading audit programmes

ERSA

ERSA is a progressive, premium solution to industry responsible sourcing audits, owned and operated by LRQA. This user-friendly collection of data-centric tools enables clients to respond to emerging risks through a flexible responsible sourcing programme, incorporating LRQA's supply chain intelligence insights from EIQ.

Helping our clients respond to supply chain challenges, ERSA has been adopted by more than 50+ key retailers, brands, and companies globally and implemented at 10,000+ workplaces.

ERSA provides

- Actionable insights are based on trustworthy data
- In-depth data integrating worker sentiment, demographics and detailed analysis of core social and environmental issues, to enable meaningful reporting and program review
- You with the tools to ensure you stay compliant with social and environmental laws and ESG regulations
- Tools to identify and address risks with an optional Corrective Action Plan

[Find out more about ERSA at LRQA →](#)





SEDEX SMETA

The Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA) can help you understand standards of labour, health and safety, environmental performance and ethics within your business and supply chain. As the world's most widely used social audit, SMETA identifies and prioritises the risks using a two or four pillar audit.

Completing a SMETA audit not only provides full transparency across your supply chain but can drive improved performance of all stakeholders through a comprehensive corrective Action Plan.

[Find out more about Sedex SMETA at LRQA →](#)

amfori BSCI (social compliance)

The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) is a leading audit methodology that supports businesses in driving social compliance and improvements within the factories and farms throughout their global supply chains. A BSCI audit is a comprehensive evaluation of adherence to social compliance standards including workers' rights, fair pay, occupational health and safety, and more.

With amfori BCSI, audit data is shared with all participants on one BCSI database, reducing the time and cost of sharing information.

[Find out more about amfori BCSI with LRQA →](#)

Social and Labour Convergence Program (SLCP)

The Social Labor Convergence Program (SLCP) is a multi-stakeholder initiative with an overall goal of improving working conditions by providing the tools to capture supply chain data globally. Wanting to increase collaboration across the apparel and footwear industry, the SLCP has developed the Converged Assessment Framework (CAF), a common data tool and verification methodology. Together they provide the tools to produce a set of verified data on social and labour conditions in facilities.

By choosing SLCP your facilities can share this verified data with their stakeholders and replace the need for repetitive social audits.

[Find out more about SLCP at LRQA →](#)

Initiative for Compliance and Sustainability (ICS)

Initiative for Compliance and Sustainability (ICS) is a member based initiative with the aim of enhancing working conditions in factories operating in the textile, retail, footwear, electronics and furniture sectors. ICS offers retailers and brand members with common collaboration tools to share knowledge and reduce 'audit fatigue'. Uniquely, ICS audits are mandated and managed by members, which ensures total control of the use of ICS tools.

Completing an ICS audit not only provides full transparency across your supply chain but utilises a common methodology and framework defined by the International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions.

[Find out more about ICS at LRQA →](#)

RBA-VAP

Responsible Business Alliance – Validated Assessment Program (VAP) methodology is based on the RBA Code of Conduct, a set of social, environmental and ethical industry protocols. A typical VAP onsite audit at a single manufacturing facility may last 2-5 days and includes a thorough document review, interviews with stakeholders and a visual site survey.

There is also a VAP Recognition Programme, that recognises those that demonstrate their commitment to corporate responsibility. The programme offers three levels platinum, gold and silver, which is dependent on the VAP score.

[Find out more about RBA-VAP at LRQA →](#)

RSPO

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil's mission is to promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil, which is produced in an environmentally and socially responsible manner by developing and implementing global standards for the production and use of sustainable palm oil. These standards are based on principles and criteria covering a range of social, environmental, and economic issues related to palm oil production. The RSPO also provides a certification scheme for palm oil producers who comply with these standards.

[Find out more about RSPO at LRQA →](#)

Sustainable Seafood

From sustainability to food safety, provenance, animal welfare or ethical practices, seafood certification helps you demonstrate your best practice operations. Assessing over 100 species of seafood across a range of industry standards, our specialists have a 25-year track record in delivering robust and pragmatic certification, such as ASC, MSC and BAP, which can drive customer confidence in your business.

[Find out more about LRQA's Seafood services →](#)

Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)

Through the programs 12 principles, WRAP certification's main goal is to ensure that production facilities operate in a safe, responsible, and ethical way. These 12 Principles are based on accepted international workplace standards, local laws and workplace regulations focused on the apparel, footwear, and sewn products sectors.

WRAP certification demonstrates that each of your certified facilities has undergone a thorough inspection by an experienced LRQA auditor and is subject to unannounced follow-ups.

[Find out more about WRAP at LRQA →](#)



Our advisory services

Working at a strategic level, our advisory team help you tackle your biggest problems by identifying the specific challenges you face and then gathering the relevant expertise from our connected portfolio areas to solve them. Our experts then support strategy and design the frameworks and programmes to reduce risk exposure and drive high impact transformational change.

Our unique perspective on the challenges of responsible sourcing has been shaped by extensive on-the-ground experience and analytic capabilities. This, coupled with an ability to directly connect your strategic challenges to specific tactical programmes of work, is what makes us different, positioning us as a true partner today and into the future.



Central to helping you identify, prioritise and manage risk to drive business performance and meet regulatory requirements is our EiQ supply chain intelligence platform. EiQ delivers unique, actionable insight to enable end-to-end supply chain ESG due diligence. The platform also helps you understand your supply chain and informs our Advisory team on how best to develop highly tailored solutions aligned with your business strategy.

[Find out more about our advisory services from LRQA →](#)



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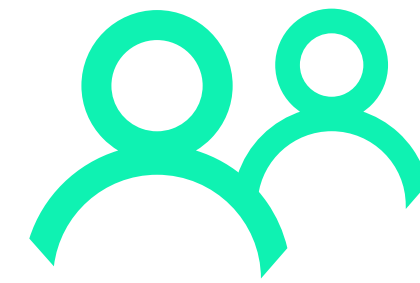
Global capability

We operate in more than 160 countries with a team of more than 6,000 people, helping more than 61,000 clients to anticipate, mitigate and manage risk.



A respected partner

With over 20 years' experience in responsible sourcing audits, we are here to partner in every aspect of management systems and supply chain assurance.



Expertise

Our people are experts in compliance, supply chain, cybersecurity and ESG and our auditors are some of the best regarded in the industry.



Actionable insight

We invest in digital platforms that deliver and enhance insight into your business. This data-driven approach means our expertise is underpinned by extensive analytics.

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About LRQA:

By bringing together unrivalled expertise in certification, brand assurance, cybersecurity, inspection and training, we've become a leading global assurance provider.

We're proud of our heritage, but it's who we are today that really matters, because that's what shapes how we partner with our clients tomorrow. By combining strong values, decades of experience in risk management and mitigation, and a keen focus on the future, we're here to support our clients as they build safer, more secure, more sustainable businesses.

From independent auditing, certification and training; to technical advisory services; to real-time assurance technology; to data-driven supply chain transformation, our innovative end-to-end solutions help our clients negotiate a rapidly changing risk landscape – making sure they're shaping their own future, rather than letting it shape them.

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