



## **BBC GROUP MODERN SLAVERY ACT STATEMENT FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This is the BBC Group's second statement to be published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The previous statement was published on 29 September 2016 and set out a summary of the BBC's business and supply chains, together with the initial steps that the BBC Group was taking to identify modern slavery and human trafficking within this area and seek how best to address this.

A copy is available at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/insidethebbc/howwework/reports/bbcmsa2016>

This statement builds upon the first BBC Group Modern Slavery Act Statement and sets out the steps taken by the British Broadcasting Corporation and its relevant group companies during the year ended 31 March 2017 to identify, prevent and address modern slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains.

### **2. ABOUT THE BBC**

The BBC is one of the largest public service broadcasting organisations in the world, established by Royal Charter and publicly funded from licence fee revenue paid by UK households. It operates nine national TV channels, 10 national radio stations, over 40 local radio stations, maintains an extensive website and broadcasts across the world in 27 languages.

The BBC Group also has commercial subsidiaries which operate internationally, most notably BBC Worldwide Ltd, BBC Studios Ltd and BBC Global News Ltd and, in addition, BBC Studioworks which provides studios and post-production facilities.

For more detailed information on the BBC's businesses and operations, see

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc>.

### **3. SUMMARY OF 2016 MODERN SLAVERY ACT STATEMENT**

The BBC Group's Modern Slavery Act Statement for 2016 summarised the BBC Group policy on ethical sourcing, the nature and breath of the BBC Group's supply chain, how the BBC Group seeks to understand risk within this supply chain and what steps could be taken to build on the work that had already been carried out.

The following key points were identified, among others, as being items that could be worked towards in order to augment the BBC's efforts in ensuring there is no compulsory labour and human trafficking within the BBC Group supply chains:



- Contractual provisions and management protocols to be reviewed to ensure they are increasingly effective in managing this risk.
- BBC Group to continue to work internally on developing and disseminating ethical sourcing training.

#### **4. BBC ACTIONS IN FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

The BBC Group has taken several actions during the previous financial year to address the items highlighted in the 2016 Modern Slavery Act Statement and, beyond this, to ensure that there is no compulsory labour and human trafficking within the BBC Group supply chains. In particular, the BBC Group has taken the following actions:

- A formal cross-BBC Modern Slavery and Ethical Sourcing Working Group has been established to examine the BBC's performance in this area and look into any developments that could enhance the BBC's policies and ensure that such policies remain fit for purpose.
- The BBC is carrying out an exercise to establish the various areas of the BBC supply chains which could be exposed to modern slavery and ethical sourcing issues and the associated levels of risk. The information will be used to inform an enhanced programme of supplier due diligence in this area across the BBC.
- The BBC's standard terms of trade for the purchase or hire of goods, facilities or services (the PC3) – available at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/workingwithus/terms-of-trade> - are being amended to include specific obligations on Suppliers with respect to the Modern Slavery Act.
  - This wording will also be included in new non-standard contracts and on a rolling basis as such contracts come up for renewal.
- The BBC Group has, along with other media companies including ITV, Sky and All3Media, founded the TV Industry Human Rights Forum. The group's remit is to share ideas and practices in mitigating forced labour risks relating to operational and ancillary roles within TV productions and to identify potential areas for a common response across the industry.

#### **5. LOOKING AHEAD**

The BBC Group recognises that further work is always required to best manage the risk of modern slavery being present within the BBC Group supply chains and to raise standards across the industry. With this in mind, the BBC is planning to continue to build on the work that has been done to date and aims to enhance the existing programmes that are in place.

To do this the BBC will seek to carry out further analysis of its supply chain and a review of the effectiveness of the current BBC ethical sourcing programme will be undertaken. The BBC will also



ensure that accumulated knowledge on ethical sourcing approaches will be shared across the BBC Group and will continue to support and contribute to cross-industry working groups and knowledge share to drive up standards on an industry-wide basis.

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**(on behalf of the BBC Board)**  
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