



Sedex launches SMETA 7.0 revised audit methodology

As of 10 September 2024, Sedex has launched the SMETA 7.0 revised audit methodology. SMETA 7.0 is replacing SMETA version 6.1 and introduces significant enhancements aimed at providing greater transparency, accountability, and impact.

Key changes include:

- The streamlining of a set of **workplace requirements** for each area (ETI Code and Sedex additions), which include auditable criteria enabling a consistent approach to compliance and auditing;
- An enhanced focus on the **assessment of the management system** in place to support the continued compliance with each area and its related workplace requirements, enabling the identification of robust practices and/or of any risks to sustained compliance;
- The introduction of a new type of finding, **collaborative action required**, aimed to promote engagement and collaboration with stakeholders in generating improvements towards social sustainability.

According to the transition policy established by Sedex, all initial and periodic audits scheduled in Sedex Advance Platform after 10 September 2024 shall be based on the new SMETA 7.0 methodology. Follow-up audits to evaluate the effective remediation of non-conformities from a SMETA 6.1-based audit, may be conducted until end of 2025.