



ALDI UK & Ireland
Social Assessment Programme
& Producer Assessments



Aldi Social Assessment Programme

Aldi Social Assessments (ASAs) focused on mainly garment textiles and shoe production facilities, assessing 263 production facilities in 2021. The assessments are conducted by a qualified team of ethical auditors from our CR offices worldwide. The teams regularly conduct announced, semi-announced and unannounced assessments of supplier sites to ensure they meet our ethical standards and requirements. They also focus on building co-operation and gaining increased transparency from suppliers so that we can work with them to improve conditions for workers at all sites that produce our products. For more information please follow this link to our **Supply Chain, ALDI SOUTH Group** page.

Aldi Producer Assessments

Producer Assessments are audits carried out on food farms and plantations in countries of origin. This is to ensure that we have a good relationship with our suppliers throughout our supply chain. We use third-party auditors to conduct spot checks to ensure producers are complying with our **Aldi Social Standards in Production**.

Although independent third-party audits are an important tool for identifying problems and initiating improvements, they can only provide a snapshot of a particular situation. Through our Aldi Social Assessments and the Aldi Producer Assessments, we are going 'beyond compliance' by introducing permanent improvements to working conditions at the sites we source from, which requires a collaborative approach between Aldi and our suppliers. We believe this provides a more accurate picture of the issues affecting a supplier site and counteracts the issues of audit fraud and lack of transparency that can be an issue with third party audits.

Where a human rights issue is identified, Aldi will thoroughly investigate it to ensure we fully understand workers' experiences. We will then work together with our suppliers to ensure a suitable remediation plan is put in place and will monitor whether issues have been successfully remediated.