

Sedex 15th May 2024: Notes from call

Update on SIZA – have now lost data for members who have not updated their SIZA membership (due in June) – Sedex will review with Allison and share update with FNET.

Service Provider SAQ - October launch – risk scores released in December

Please sign up to early access groups – and give feedback - first EAG will be in July

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZMYff3ayBr> - link to sign up to EAG

Would be helpful for FNET to know which sectors have signed up?

Sedex Supplier manual – feedback- not looking at collective action and issue codes – will be further guidance and discussion in the All Member Day.

Feedback to Sedex

- 1) Definitions on non-conformance and non-compliance are not always clear internally in an ethical trade context. Sedex - can't change the scope within SMETA because they have always been there, but maybe an internal issue?
- 2) Can auditors raise new non-conformances in a follow-up audit – yes!
- 3) Sometimes non-conformances raised against customer codes and a site is not aware –
- 4) Best practice for sites to do SAQ every 6 months – how is Sedex following up on this?
- 5) Peak season audits is mentioned in manual – and is Sedex going to track this? (yes – they will be collecting some data points.
- 6) Members need more detail to do the audit – will guidance be there before August? Sedex - additional guidance is for auditors, and not the suppliers, so will be available for businesses. Member thinks that is wrong, the detail will help prepare sites for the audit. E.g. internal auditors help businesses prepare as they had done in the past.
- 7) CAR – need more information – talks about stakeholders need a longterm plan – how will this come together.
- 8) Consistency and language – making sure distinction is kept throughout – is Base Code “ETI Base Code”
- 9) How are NCs recorded on the form – how does it translate from a system
- 10) If a site has an audit, has an issue they need to flag against the auditor – to include in the manual, or flag where it is.
- 11) How can a site apply for a derogation – is there a process for this, and if so where is it?
- 12) Please share SMETA methodology – can Sedex look at the old version and see if they are the same – maybe confusion over the name of the documents? It is the SMETA Measurement Criteria - this was shared previously.
- 13) Does the deadline for comments on the number of documents shared incl. the manual remain today? The timeframe was exceptionally short. – Ask Clare if need more time?
- 14) Is Sedex able to share feedback they have received from other consulted groups on the same documents?
- 15) Multiple documents are mentioned in the manual, for the final document will there be links?

Snagging bugs – criticality – Sedex to follow-up with members individually.

Timings:

- August launch for new SMETA
- Gantt chart with launch dates of the guidance documents will be sent by Sedex asap.