



Danone ELN Greater China

Disclosure Report

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Disclosure Materials

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about details of the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue
- 3) Demonstrate that management practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit and integrity of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

B Lab's Public Complaints Process

Any party may submit a complaint about a current B Corp through [B Lab's Public Complaint Process](#). Grounds for complaint include:

- 1) Intentional misrepresentation of practices, policies, and/or claimed outcomes during the company's [certification process](#)
- 2) Breaches of the B Corp Community's core values as expressed in our [Declaration of Interdependence](#)

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company.



Disclosure Questionnaire

Industries and Products

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in production or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that apply.		
Animal Products or Services	☐	☒
Biodiversity Impacts	☐	☒
Chemicals	☐	☒
Disclosure Alcohol	☐	☒
Disclosure Firearms Weapons	☐	☒
Disclosure Mining	☐	☒
Disclosure Pornography	☐	☒
Disclosure Tobacco	☐	☒
Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries	☒	☐
Fossil fuels Gambling	☐	☒
Genetically Modified Organisms	☐	☒
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out	☐	☒
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations	☐	☒
Monoculture Agriculture	☐	☒
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials	☐	☒
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending	☐	☒
Water Intensive Industries	☐	☒
Tax Advisory Services	☐	☒

Outcomes & Penalties

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.		
Anti-Competitive Behavior	☐	☒
Breaches of Confidential Information	☐	☒
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption	☐	☒
Company has filed for bankruptcy	☐	☒
Consumer Protection	☐	☒
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans	☐	☒
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)	☐	☒
Labor Issues	☐	☒
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation	☐	☒
Litigation or Arbitration	☐	☒
On-Site Fatality	☐	☒
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues	☐	☒
Political Contributions or International Affairs	☐	☒
Recalls	☐	☒
Significant Layoffs	☐	☒
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights	☐	☒
Other	☐	☒



Practices

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing	☐	☒
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)	☐	☒
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining	☐	☒
Company workers are prisoners	☐	☒
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones	☐	☒
Confirmation of Right to Work	☐	☒
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government	☐	☒
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts	☐	☒
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems	☐	☒
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation	☐	☒
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations	☐	☒
No signed employment contracts for all workers	☐	☒
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory	☐	☒
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions	☐	☒

	Yes	No
Sale of Data	☐	☒
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells	☐	☒
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours	☐	☒
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets	☐	☒
Workers paid below minimum wage	☐	☒
Workers Under Bond	☐	☒
Other	☐	☒

Supply Chain Disclosures

	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones	☐	☒
Child or Forced Labor	☐	☒
Negative Environmental Impact	☐	☒
Negative Social Impact	☐	☒
Other	☐	☒



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Environmentally Intensive Industries

Issue Date	Ongoing.
Topic	Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries
Summary of Issue	Danone Early Life Nutrition China is a company focused on the manufacturing of children and women supplements. As a company in the manufacturing sector (milk powder production), energy use is a material environmental issue. The company uses electricity & steam sourced from coal sources for its production processes (milk powder production). The company's electricity intensity in 2022 was 2,549 KWH/T, a 58% reduction compared to 2021. The company's main GHG emission comes from fossil-fuel energy source reliance. In the meantime, Danone ELN intends to replace coal energy with clean sources. The Changsha factory is implementing solar panels, and the target is to have most of the factory's energy demands supplied by the panels in December 2024.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the previous fiscal year, 99% of the company's revenue was earned from the sale of its Milk powder.
Impact on Stakeholders	Energy intensive activities, such as food and beverage manufacturing, pose an environmental risk due to the related emissions derived from energy use. The extent of environmental impact is dependent on the energy sources utilized and the management practices in place to manage energy use.
Management Practices	Danone's global targets on climate are: - Reduce its GHG footprint by 2030, in line with what science says is required to limit warming 1.5°C - Achieve 30% reduction in methane emissions from fresh milk by 2030 - 30% improvement in energy efficiency by 2025 - Achieve net Zero emissions by 2050 Energy & emissions are also a key topic of the company's sustainability strategy. Accordingly, the company launched a Global Energy Excellence Program, Re-fuel Danone in 2022, as an action plan to reduce energy and industrial emissions and transform the energy footprint of its production sites worldwide. The global targets are: - Improve energy efficiency by 30% by 2025 - Significantly increase its use of renewable energy, such as biogas, biomass, solar and hydrogen - 100% of electricity will be from renewable sources, and half of all energy will come from renewable sources by 2030 - Reduce the company's scope 1 & 2 emissions by a minimum of 42% by 2030 To monitor its progress, Danone uses an internal reporting tool for sustainability metrics – Greentrack - deployed in each Business Unit worldwide.