

Thetford Garden

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:

- 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.

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 of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that **Animal Products or Services** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** Chemicals \square **Disclosure Alcohol Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ <u>Industries</u> Gambling \square **Genetically Modified Organisms** \square Illegal Products or Subject to \square **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture Nuclear Power or Hazardous** \square **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Interest Lending** Water Intensive Industries \square **Tax Advisory Services** \square

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		N	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		\triangleright	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		\searrow	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		\searrow	
Labor Issues			
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		\searrow	
Litigation or Arbitration	\checkmark		
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		Ŋ	
Recalls		\searrow	
Significant Layoffs		\checkmark	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		V	



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		\checkmark
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		\checkmark
Company workers are prisoners		\checkmark
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		\checkmark
Confirmation of Right to Work		\checkmark
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		\searrow
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		V
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		V
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		V
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		V
No signed employment contracts for all workers		
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		N

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

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		V
Child or Forced Labor		\checkmark
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		\checkmark
Other		✓



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Animal Products and Services

Thetford Garden Centre Ltd is involved in the production or sale of animal products and services, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment and animal welfare. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

Thetford Garden Centre Ltd is involved in activities that could affect local biodiversity, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment given its interference with the balance of local fauna and flora. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such practices.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Alcohol

Thetford Garden Centre Ltd is involved in the production or sale of alcohol. Alcohol may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of individuals and their communities, particularly in cases of over-consumption, addiction, or under-age drinking. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive industry

Thetford Garden Centre Ltd is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as energy and emission-intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment based on their carbon emissions associated with their operations and their contribution to climate change. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such activities or industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Water Intensive industry

Thetford Garden Centre Ltd is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as water intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment, such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if water use is not appropriately managed. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such activities or industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation

Topic	Litigation related to Labor issues
Summary of Issue	The labor suit against the company was filed by a employee claiming a work-related injury.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	The company paid £6,000 to its employee, which represents 1-5% of the total revenue.
Impact on Stakeholders	The primary impact to the employee was the injury.
Resolution	The case was settled via a insurance company.
Implemented Management Practices	 Improve the understanding of accidents due to work-related activities, Enhancing the communication with the insurance company and understanding how these procedures are managed.
Related Incidents (Yes/No)	No.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Environmentally Intensive Industries

Topic	Sale of fertilizers and pesticides
Summary of Issue	Thetford Garden Centre is a garden centre located in the United Kingdom, operating a physical space including greenhouses and a cafe. The company derives part of their revenue from the sale of fertilizers and pesticides for garden use. Thetford Garden Center does not sell any pesticides that contain glyphosate since 2023.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	<1% of the company's revenue is derived from the sale of pesticides and fertilizers. 97% of the fertilizers sold are bio-based and 3% are synthetic.
Impact on Stakeholders	The use of pesticides and fertilizers for agricultural purposes poses risk to local flora and fauna ecosystems, causes pollution and presents potential health risks to humans and wildlife if used excessively and inappropriately.
Implemented Management Practices	Thetford Garden Centre has an Environmental Mission Statement committing to take their social and environmental decision making seriously. The company's employees are trained via the GCA GROW Training site including training in the use of pesticides and fertilizers. In addition, they post information signage on their products to ensure that their customers know that the staff are on hand to provide correct safety information. Thetford Garden Centre's Sustainability Roadmap includes a commitment to educate customers about wildlife friendly gardening.