

# Mãe Terra

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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** $\boxed{}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** Chemicals $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol** $\square$ **Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\boxed{}$ Industries Gambling $\square$ **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\square$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\square$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\boxed{}$ **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		<b>V</b>	
Breaches of Confidential Information		N	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		V	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues			
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration	V		
On-Site Fatality		$\searrow$	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		N	
Recalls			
Significant Layoffs		V	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		$\checkmark$	



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

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		<b>₩</b>
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		✓
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		$\checkmark$
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		$\vee$
Workers paid below minimum wage		V
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		$\checkmark$
Child or Forced Labor		$\vee$
Negative Environmental Impact		$\checkmark$
Negative Social Impact		$\checkmark$
Other		$\checkmark$



### **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

**Mãe Terra** 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 Statement**

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation, Arbitration, and/or Penalties

Issue Date	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Topic	Litigation, Arbitration, and/or Penalties related to Labor Issues
Summary of Issue	Mãe Terra is a food wholesale/retail company based in Brazil.
	The company has reported to have had labor litigations filed by former employees requesting overtime payment correction, as well as night shift pay, severance pay and extra pay due to health issues.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	9 cases reported in the last 5 years, with a total estimated value of <1 % of annual revenues and the following status:
of individuals affected;	<ul><li>4 cases pending with remote likelihood to lose</li><li>5 cases pending with probable likelihood to lose</li></ul>
Impact on Stakeholders	Former employees
Resolution	All cases are still pending resolution
Implemented Management Practices	All employees of Mãe Terra have access to a mandatory training trail, which includes: (i) guidelines on timekeeping and overtime control, (ii) code of business principles, (iii) internal health and safety standards and rules, (iv) business integrity, among other topics. In addition, there are recurring internal communications about the importance of full compliance with labor laws. Managers were also trained with a focus on improving communication.
Other Management Comments	Mãe Terra was founded in 1979, with the purpose of bringing more natural foods to consumers' daily lives. Mãe Terra is today a leader in the natural and organic food segment in Brazil. Among the pillars promoted by Mãe Terra, one of them is respect for labor rights and ethical/moral treatment of its employees. It is worth noting that the labor claims filed by former employees of Mãe Terra and reported to the B Corp Committee have not yet become final and binding, therefore the merits of the requests made have not been judged.