



# Backyard Beans Coffee Company

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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.

**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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Biodiversity Impacts</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disclosure Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disclosure Firearms Weapons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disclosure Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disclosure Pornography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disclosure Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fossil fuels Gambling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Genetically Modified Organisms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monoculture Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Water Intensive Industries</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax Advisory Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Breaches of Confidential Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company has filed for bankruptcy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consumer Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Labor Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Litigation or Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
On-Site Fatality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Political Contributions or International Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recalls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significant Layoffs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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

	Yes	No
Sale of Data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers paid below minimum wage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers Under Bond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Other</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child or Forced Labor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negative Environmental Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negative Social Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

Backyard Beans Coffee Company 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.

Any party aware of specific company practices that have had a negative impact related to their involvement in the sensitive industry, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our [public complaints procedure](#).



# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive industry

Backyard Beans Coffee Company 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.

Any party aware of specific company practices that have had a negative impact related to their involvement in the sensitive industry, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our [public complaints procedure](#).



# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Water Intensive industry

Backyard Beans Coffee Company 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.

Any party aware of specific company practices that have had a negative impact related to its involvement in these or other controversial industries, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our [public complaints procedure](#).



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# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Other - Clients in Controversial Industries

Backyard Beans Coffee Company is currently involved or has had involvement within the last five years in providing services and/or products to companies in the following industries considered controversial by B Lab Global: Alcohol and Pharmaceuticals.

While products and services to clients in controversial industries could help mitigate potential negative impacts or serve only as commonplace goods and services for the companies, they also could have the potential to enable the growth of the industry and indirectly contribute to its negative impacts. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such industries.

Any party aware of specific company practices that have had a negative impact related to its involvement in these or other controversial industries, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our [public complaints procedure](#).



# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations

<b>Topic</b>	Forced labor and human rights violations are recognized as material issues in the coffee industry.
<b>Summary of Issue</b>	<p>As a coffee roaster and seller, Backyard Beans Coffee Company operates in an industry that is subject to human rights risk violations in their supply chain.</p> <p>Backyard Beans Coffee purchases the coffee beans from the importers and some purchases are made directly with suppliers that are also coffee farmers.</p> <p>The company operates in an industry in which human rights issues such as forced labor, child labor, and human trafficking are prevalent globally in the coffee supply chain.</p>
<b>Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)</b>	<p>A total of 63% of the company's supplier expense is related to coffee products in the last fiscal year.</p> <p>100% of Backyard Beans Coffee products have traceability from the country of origin and mill, producer, etc. until the point of sale. For the purchases that are not made directly with coffee farmers, this information is collected from the company's suppliers/importers that bring the coffee beans to the company.</p> <p>48.97% of the coffee that the company uses is Fair Trade certified.</p>
<b>Impact on Stakeholders</b>	The coffee industry has a history of forced and child labor, which subjects workers to poor working conditions, low wages, possible displacement of indigenous communities as coffee farming expands and may put children at risk for human trafficking.
<b>Implemented Management Practices</b>	<p>Backyard Beans Coffee works with importers who have access to the farmers and groups they buy from. The company shares about the local communities of their producers on their coffee product pages. An example can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The company has recently established a Supplier Code of Conduct which outlines the requirements of its suppliers in terms of ethics, human rights and environmental practices. Backyard</p>



	Beans Coffee Company's code of conduct forbids forced labor and child labor and encourages its suppliers to implement ethical business practices, fair wages, and benefits, non-discrimination, freedom of association and collective bargaining. All suppliers are required to sign this code of conduct and any violations to the requirements would result in the termination of the business contract with the company's suppliers.
Report	<a href="https://backyardbeans.com/pages/sustainability">https://backyardbeans.com/pages/sustainability</a>