



# Vegetarian Express Ltd

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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"/>
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
<a href="#">Litigation or Arbitration</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
<a href="#">Significant Layoffs</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>



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# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

Vegetarian Express 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.

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

Vegetarian Express 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.

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

Vegetarian Express 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.

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: Significant Layoffs of >20% of the Workforce

Vegetarian Express Ltd experienced significant layoffs of more than 20% of the workforce within the last five years. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent when such practices have occurred.

Any party aware of specific company practices of this company related to their layoffs that were inappropriate, 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: Clients in Controversial Industries

Vegetarian Express Ltd 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: For Profit Higher Education.

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: Litigation, Arbitration, and/or Penalties

Issue date	July 26th 2023
Topic	Litigation and Arbitration related to labor issues.
Summary of Issue	<p><b>Case #1:</b> In 2020, The Company had to make significant redundancies, about 38% of its workforce, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An employee who was dismissed claimed through ACAS and the UK Tribunal system that their dismissal was unfair and based on age discrimination.</p> <p><b>Case #2:</b> Similarly, in 2020, The Company faced redundancies of approximately 38% of its workforce due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another employee claimed through ACAS and the UK Tribunal system that they had experienced discrimination based on both age and race, but they did not have enough service to make an unfair dismissal claim.</p> <p><b>Case #3:</b> In this case, an employee was undergoing a disciplinary process that could have resulted in their dismissal from The Company. However, before the process concluded, the employee resigned, and The Company accepted their resignation. Post-employment, a dispute arose through ACAS as the claimant believed they should have been paid for their entire notice period.</p>
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	<p><b>Case #1:</b> Settled with Payment Total Value of Company's Annual Revenue: &lt; 1%</p> <p><b>Case #2:</b> Settled with Payment Total Value of Company's Annual Revenue: &lt; 1%</p> <p><b>Case #3:</b> Settled with Payment Total Value of Company's Annual Revenue: &lt; 1%</p>
Impact on Stakeholders	In all three cases, the stakeholders impacted are the employees.
Implemented	<b>Case #1:</b> In response to the redundancy situation and the legal

Management Practices	<p>claim related to unfair dismissal and age discrimination, the company has committed to reviewing the selection criteria thoroughly against all elements of the Equality Act if redundancies are required in the future. This reflects their efforts to address potential issues and ensure fair practices in employee selection during such scenarios.</p> <p><b>Case #2:</b> Similar to Case #1, the company has acknowledged the importance of fair practices in employee selection during redundancies. They have committed to reviewing the selection criteria against all elements of the Equality Act if redundancies are required in the future.</p> <p><b>Case #3:</b> In response to the employment dispute regarding payment and resignation during a disciplinary process, the company has identified the need to implement new practices. They will ensure that in similar circumstances, a letter is sent to acknowledge the employee's resignation during a disciplinary process, and the end of employment date will be confirmed in writing. This step aims to provide clarity and avoid any potential disputes in the future.</p>
Management Comments	