

Aasted ApS

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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.

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:

- 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 of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that **Animal Products or Services** $\boxed{}$ **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> Fossil fuels \square Gambling **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\boxed{}$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\boxed{}$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human \square **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture** \square **Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High **Interest Lending Water Intensive Industries** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ 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		\checkmark	
Breaches of Confidential Information		N.	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N.	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		\searrow	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		\searrow	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		V	
Labor Issues		\checkmark	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		K	
Litigation or Arbitration			
On-Site Fatality		\searrow	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		\searrow	
Recalls		V	
Significant Layoffs		V	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		N	



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		V
Confirmation of Right to Work		V
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		N
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		N
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		N
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		\
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		< >
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		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		N
Workers Under Bond		✓
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	N	
Child or Forced Labor		V
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		\checkmark
Other		✓



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Operations located in Conflict Zones

Topic	Company has suppliers located in Conflict Zones
Summary of Issue	Aasted ApS, based in Denmark, is a solutions provider for the chocolate, bakery, and confectionery industries. The company has a Tier 1 supplier located in Kyiv, Ukraine.
	According to the Global Conflict Tracker, <u>Ukraine</u> is currently a conflict zone due to the ongoing war with Russia. Before the conflict, this supplier was the company's primary source for steel frames used in equipment. Despite the war, Aasted ApS has continued to work with this supplier as much as possible. However, it has also become necessary to source from supplementary suppliers outside of Ukraine.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	During the fiscal year 2023, approximately 10% of the company's supplier spending was allocated in conflict zones.
Impact on Stakeholders	Business activities located in conflict zones are considered high-risk as they are more likely to cause or contribute to the conflict and/or sociopolitical instability.
	Countries classified as conflict zones are more likely to have a weak rule-of-law or a corrupt judicial system, which could undermine the effectiveness of operational grievance mechanisms for these businesses and their suppliers. In addition, the safety of the company's workers and other potential human rights violations are at risk.
Implemented Management Practices	To engage with new suppliers in both conflict zones and non-conflict zones, the company employs a country risk assessment tool that evaluates ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) risks and sanctions. This assessment covers various factors, including:
	 Human Rights: evaluated using the Fragile States Index Labor Rights: assessed through the Global Slavery Index and the Global Rights Index Corruption: measured by the Corruption Perception Index



- Environmental Impact: analyzed using the Environmental Performance Index, Ecosystem Vitality Index, and Carbon Intensity measures
- Political and Economic Risk: assessed through the Atradius Country Risk Map
- General Country Risk: reviewed via RiskMap

This risk assessment relies on indices from independent organizations such as Transparency International, The Fund for Peace, and Yale University.

The company has established a code of conduct for suppliers and requires all suppliers to complete an impact questionnaire that reviews their sustainability performance every two years. In 2024, the company began auditing its suppliers on sustainability topics, focusing on human and labour rights, as well as safety conditions.



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive Industry

Aasted ApS 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 <u>public complaints procedure</u>.

For more information about the company's practices, please visit the company's webpage/sustainability report, accessible here:

https://aasted.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/aasted-csr-rapport-2023.pdf