Checklist Compliance Competence

Provincie of Noord-Brabant

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1. System regulatory requirements

Requirement	Verificatie item	Suitable	Documented	Implemented
1.1 Does the company maintain a system in which all relevant legal requirements are registered?	Registration of regulation in database or register			
1.2 Is the management of this system assured?	Written responsibility			
1.3 Does the company assure that the system is acual, complete and correct?	active screening changes of regulations			
	Periodical adjustment of database or register			
1.4 Does the company analyses whether regulatory require	1.4 Does the company analyses whether regulatory requirements are clear, compliable and effective?			
1.5 Does the company have a procedure for risk analyses and risk management which contains control measures for risk reduction?	Written procedure risk analysis			
1.6 Is the risk analysis used to differentiate the level of assurance of regulatory compliance?				
1.7 Does this system contains an explicit link between risk management, legal requirements and parts of the compliance management system?	Cross reference table			

2. Vision and behaviour

Requirement	Verification	Suitable	Documented	Implemented
2.1 Has the private body a written, supported vision on legal compliance?	Content of the vision			
2.2 Is this vision known by employees?	Distribution of the vision			
2.3 Is the vision in writing?	Written vision			
2.4 Does the management actively support the compliance management system?	Agenda management			
2.5 Does the company have a written code of conduct which is accepted by employees and management which clarifies how the private body expresses the vision on legal	Content code of conduct			
compliance in the behaviour of employees and management?	Review code of conduct every 3 years			
2.6 Is the code of conduct known by employees?	Distribution code of conduct			
2.7 Does the code of conduct explicitly stipulate what is expected from employees with regard to openness, education, pro-activity and self reflection concerning legal compliance?	Content code of conduct			

3. Quality thinking, education, self reflection and continuous improvement

Requirement	Verification	Suitable	Documented	Implemented
3.1 Does the private body meet the standard of a management system as has been agreed by the parties involved. Normally, this means that the private body should meet the requirements of ISO 9000 series or ISO 14001 ¹ ?	Operational management system			
3.2 Is the management system meant in 3.1 systematically applied for the assurance of regulatory compliance?	Procedures aimed at legal compliance			
3.3 Does the private body set objective quantified objectives for legal compliance?	Maximum number deviations			
	Objectives measurable and realistic			
3.4 Does the company issue annual plans with intended actions regarding legal compliance?	Is it clear who executes the actions			
	Is it clear when the action should be finished			
3.5 Has the company determined how compliance performance is measured?	Procedure measuring compliance performance			
	Measuring objective and reproducible			
3.6 Is the compliance performance measured regularly?	Report of measurement			
3.7 Does the private body systematically registrate deviations and near-deviations regarding legal compliance?	Periodical registration			
3.8 Does the private body systematically examine the cause of these deviations and near-deviations?	Registration examinations			
3.9 Does the company take action systematically following the examination of deviations and near-deviations as a	Assignement of actions (who, when)			
means to improve the compliance performance?	Monitoring execution actions			

¹ In specific cases a different standard than ISO 9001 of ISO 14001 may be agreed.

3.10 Does the company have a instruction plan showing how and when employees are informed about the legal	Instruction plan		
requirements and what is expected from them regarding these legal requirements?	Content of the plan		

4. Compliance officer and pro-activity

Requirements	Verification	Suitable	Documented	Implemented
4.1 Does the private body employ an officer (further called compliance officer) or department (further called compliance department) who governs the compliance with legal requirements by that company?	Clear department or job description			
4.2 Are the tasks, authorisations and responsibilities of the compliance officer and the compliance department determined?	Clear and unambiguous definition of tasks, power and responsibilities			
4.3 Is there a replacement procedure in case the compliance officer is absent?	Dedicated person who is responsible			
4. 4 Does the compliance officer or compliance department communicate with public authorities with regard to the meaning of legal requirements affecting the company?	Periodically at least twice a year			
4.5 Can you show this through reports, minutes etc.?	Minutes of meetings with authorities			
	Content of meetings			
4.6 Does the compliance officer or compliance department report directly to the highest management level and independent from those who are responsible for regulatory compliance?	Participation of compliance officer in highest management level			
4.7 Is the compliance officer or compliance department author company?	prized to communicate in name of the			
4.8 Is this power assured in writing?	Power laid down in writing (who, what)			
4.8 Does the compliance officer or compliance department have adequate experience, education anf training?	Training compliance officer HRM file			

5. Open attitude and yearly reports

Requirement	Verification	Suitable	Documented	Implemented
5.1 Does the private body communicate openly with stakeholders about its own level of Legal compliance?	Communication			
5.2 Does the private body communicate openly with stakeholders about the design, working and results of its compliance management system?	Communication			
5.3 Does the private body publicize an annual report about its own level of legal compliance?	Annual report			
5.4 Does the company communicate in this annulal report the performance in relation to all relevant regulatory requirements?	Compliance data in annual report			
5.5 Is this report transparent and clear?	Content annual report			
5.6 Is this annual report available for stakeholders?	List of stakeholders			

6. Pre-screening employees and disciplinary measures

Requirement	Verificatie item	Suitable	Documented	Implemented
6.1 Has the private body made clear to employees and directors what action the private body takes in relation to persons who knowingly violate regulatory requirements?	Internal arrangements			
6.2 Has the private body made clear to employees and directors that no penalties are taken towards those reporting unintentionally committed violations?	Internal arrangements			
6.3 Does the company have a list of jobs vulnerable with regard to fraud?	List with jobs Criteria for jobs vulnerable with regard to fraud			
6.4 Does the company use criteria to determine whether or not a job is vulnerable with regard to fraud?	Criteria			
6.5 Does the company apply a screening procedure to assure that jobs vulnerable with regard to fraud are executed by suitable employees?	Screening procedure			
6.6 Has the company taken measures to assure that jobs vulnerable with regard to fraud are done by employees who act ethically?	Written measures in case of unethical acting			
6.7 Does the company have a system or procedure check that tasks vulnerable with regard to fraud are carried out	Due to internal audit at least twice a year			
ethically?	Results internal audits reported in writing			
6.8 Does the company take direct measures when violations are noticed?	Internal arrangements			

6.9 Has the company made clear to the employees that notification of violations is compulsory?	Internal arrangements		
6.10 Does the company have a system or procedure to stimulate the notification of violations?	Prompt feedback from the management		
	Simple procedure		
	Possible consequences are known to the notifier		