

SEF Policy on Preventing Hidden Labour Exploitation



POLICY STATEMENT

Southern England Farms Ltd (SEF) commits to developing and adopting a proactive approach to tackling hidden labour exploitation.

Hidden labour exploitation is exploitation of job applicants or workers by third party individuals or gangs other than the employer or labour provider. Such exploitation could come from rogue individuals working within these businesses, but without the knowledge of management.

It includes forced labour and human trafficking for labour exploitation; payment for work-finding services and work-related exploitation such as forced use of accommodation. It is understood that it is often well hidden by the perpetrators with victims, if they perceive of themselves as such, reluctant to come forward.

Coverage

This policy applies to all employees of Southern England Farms Ltd. (permanent, temporary or agency)

The Company's Head Office and only Production facility is based at Lambo, Fraddam Road, Leedstown, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5PF.

Responsibility

Jane Richards has overall responsibility for this policy.

Responsibilities towards all employees also lie with

- Gordon Stokes Head of Farming
- Louise Ellis Production Controller
- Alfija Kalpiss Welfare Manager

Policy Commitments

SEF shall:

- Designate appropriate managers from Operational and Welfare departments to attend “Tackling Hidden Labour Exploitation” training and to have responsibility for developing and operating company procedures relevant to this issue.
- Accept that job finding fees are a business cost, and will not allow these to be paid by job applicants. The Company will not use any individual or organisation to source and supply workers without confirming that workers are not being charged a work finding fee.
- Ensure that all staff responsible for directly recruiting workers are aware of issues around third party labour exploitation and signs to look for and have signed appropriate Compliance Principles
- Ensure that labour sourcing, recruitment and worker placement processes are under the control of trusted and competent staff members.
- Adopt a proactive approach to reporting suspicions of hidden worker exploitation to the Gangmasters Licensing Authority and police.
- Provide information on tackling “Hidden Labour Exploitation” to our workforce through a variety of formats such as workplace posters, worker leaflets, induction, training.
- Encourage workers to report cases of hidden third party labour exploitation, provide the means to do so and investigate and act on reports appropriately.
- Positively encourage and support employees and agency workers to report such exploitation which may be occurring within their communities. Posters and leaflets and verbal communication are used to inform people on who to report to.
- Require labour providers and other organisations in the labour supply chain to adopt policies and procedures consistent with the above.

Signature:

JANE RICHARDS

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