

Ethical Sourcing Policy

Istanbul Okan University ensures that the food and other products it procures are obtained responsibly and sustainably, with a focus on ensuring the safety and fair treatment of workers involved in their production, while also considering the environmental and social impacts throughout the sourcing process. The university is committed to promoting sustainability and ethical sourcing processes on campus, in the community, and globally.

Regarding ethical sourcing, Istanbul Okan University prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of its staff, students, the public, and suppliers. It promotes fairness and transparency in its relationships, encourages diversity, inclusivity, and equal opportunity, and adheres to confidentiality and privacy as core standards of conduct.

Istanbul Okan University carries out the procurement of food and other products in accordance with the Public Procurement Law No. 4734, the Public Financial Management and Control Law No. 5018, and the Savings Measures Circular published in the Official Gazette No. 31527, by working with firms that comply with these regulations and following open tender procedures.

The university places great importance on ensuring that the companies from which it procures goods and services fulfill their responsibilities in line with the ethical sourcing policy and comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Law No. 6331. The following obligations from Article 4 of the Occupational Health and Safety Law No. 6331 are safeguarded in the procurement technical specifications and contracts:

-The contractor is responsible for ensuring the occupational health and safety of its employees at its own expense. This includes ensuring that employees benefit from services provided by occupational safety experts, workplace physicians, and, when necessary, other healthcare personnel.

-Health monitoring of employees must be carried out, professional risks must be prevented, and necessary training and information must be provided. All necessary measures must be taken, organizations set up, required tools and equipment provided, and health and safety measures adapted to changing conditions. These responsibilities rest with the contractor.

-The contractor must ensure that workplace safety measures are monitored, non-compliances are addressed, and occupational health and safety conditions are in line with regulations.

Additionally, Istanbul Okan University strictly monitors the contractor to prevent the employment of uninsured workers through regular correspondence with the Social Security Institution (SSI), in compliance with the Social Insurance and General Health Insurance Law No. 5510. The university also provides Occupational Health and Safety services to staff under its supervision.

Istanbul Okan University carefully ensures compliance with both the ethical sourcing policy and occupational health and safety regulations throughout the procurement process.

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