Central Plains Co-operative Association Ltd.



# Forced Labour in Canadian Supply Chains

**Central Plains Co-op** 

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### Introduction

This report is Central Plains Co-op response to comply with Section 11 of the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act (the Act) for the financial year ending October 28, 2023 In this Statement, the terms 'the Co-op', 'we', 'us', and 'our' refer to Central Plains Co-op. The reporting entity covered by this statement is Central Plains Co-op, business number 105905796 (ISC Business Account #)

For the purposes of the Act, Central Plains Co-op meets the entity definition by having a business in Canada, doing business in Canada and meeting all three threshold criteria for revenue, assets and employees. Central Plains Co-op is incorporated provincially and is obligated to submit a report to the Minister of Public Safety and provide a public report in response to the Supply Chains Act by May 31, 2024.

Central Plains Co-op is committed to continuous improvement in the areas of identification and remediation of forced and child labour in operations as well as local and global supply chains. Further, Central Plains Co-op is committed to respecting all human rights, in accordance with applicable law and the principles set forth in international standards, including the UN's Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Rights of Indigenous Peoples and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Guided by core values of Respect-Integrity-People-Community, Central Plains Co-op is committed to making ethical business decisions and taking proactive measures to address issues such as forced and child labour.

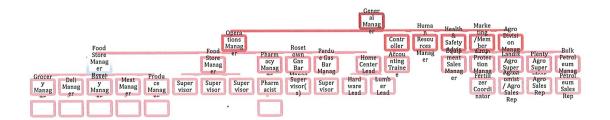
# 1. Structure, Activities, and Supply Chain

### Structure

Based in Rosetown, SK Central Plains Co-op is one of 158 independent retail co-operatives from across Western Canada that make up the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS) and own FCL. Central Plains Co-op is in turn owned by 6,776 members in Saskatchewan. As part of the CRS, Central Plains Co-op helps build, feed and fuel individuals and in our local communities. We employ 133 number of individuals.

### **Organizational Structure Chart:**





### **Activities**

Central Plains Co-op's business is largely business-to-consumer (retail) focused on serving the communities in which we operate. Our core retail lines of business include food, liquor, pharmacy, agriculture, home and building, fuel, convenience stores, and liquor. Our business does not produce or manufacture products for resale or wholesale business. We operate multiple locations in Rosetown, and locations in Plenty, Landis, Perdue, Harris as well, all in Saskatchewan.

### **Supply Chain**

### Wholesale and Retail Trade

FCL sources and distributes products across many primary consumer and business lines to Central Plains Co-op with 9 retail locations in 5 communities in Saskatchewan including food, home and building supplies, crop inputs, agricultural equipment, livestock feed, propane, lubricants, and petroleum. Central Plains Co-op sources 96 percent of the products for resale from FCL. These products are purchased by FCL from within Canada or imported and distributed throughout the CRS using FCL's fleet, distribution centres, bulk fuel distribution centres, fuel terminals and fertilizer plants.

The remaining 4 percent of products are sourced by Central Plains Co-op from Vendors that are listed in an excel spreadsheet at the end of this report.



### 2. Policies and Processes in Relation to Forced and Child Labour

### <u>Internal</u>

Central Plains Co-op maintains Compliance and Ethics policies to which all employees must adhere to through an annual Code of Conduct attestation. Central Plains Co-op has an established internal process for anonymous reporting of actual or potential wrongdoing including any actual or potential violation of law, regulation, policy and procedure. Procedures are put in place to protect the anonymity of whistle-blowers from retaliation. An ethics hotline is available and promoted to the employee group to use anonymously through a third party. Central Plains Co-op's People and Culture team regularly reviews human resource related policies to ensure Central Plains Co-op remains in compliance with applicable workplace and labour legislation.

Central Plains Co-op ensures that there is reduced risk of forced or child labour in operations through strict adherence to provincial and federal labour laws. As per Saskatchewan's labour laws, Central Plains Co-op does not employ anyone under the age of 15, and follows all applicable young worker restrictions for employees under the age of 16.

### 3. Identification of Risks

Central Plains Co-op's main supplier, FCL, accounts for 96% of total procured goods. In assessing the risk of forced labour or child labour at the direct supplier level for this relationship, FCL has concluded on the following assessment of the use of child labour and/or forced labour within their supply chain, using two separate indices - *Walk Free's Global Slavery Index* and *the US Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor.* 

- 1. Goods procured within the food categories of 1) protein foods (specifically seafood); 2) beverages (specifically coffee); and 3) other (specifically chocolate):
  - a. An inherent risk of child and forced labour has been identified within the above categories. FCL has a sustainable seafood policy and, sustainably sources fairtrade-certified products to mitigate these risks.
- 2. Goods procured for home building centres:
  - a. Key suppliers of FCL's home building centres import from China, which has been identified as a country with a high inherent risk of forced and child labour. To mitigate this risk, FCL requires key suppliers to sign a Social Responsibility Agreement. The agreement requires suppliers to ensure they are supporting commitments to responsible sourcing and provide workers with fair wages and working hours, as well as a safe, clean, and healthy work environment.



FCL is exploring opportunities to understand and reduce the risk of forced and child labour within their supply chain therefore, Central Plains Co-op will be relying on this on-going assessment to continue assessing goods procured from FCL.

The remaining 4% of goods purchased by Central Plains Co-op are procured from outside of FCL. Central Plains Co-op has categories of goods for resale, the majority of which include, food, agriculture (inputs, bins, equipment), energy, pharmaceuticals, liquor, fuel, fuel storage, and home and building supplies. Using two separate indices, Walk Free's Global Slavery Index and the US Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor, Central Plains Co-op as conducted an initial risk assessment and identified no inherent risks of current suppliers.

# 4. Remediation of Forced and Child Labour

Central Plains Co-op has taken action to remediate potential risks of forced and child labour through deployment of the policies and procedures outlined in Section 2 of the report. In the future, Central Plains Co-op will explore opportunities to increase auditing and monitoring of suppliers to reduce the risk of forced and child labour. If specific incidents of forced and child labour are identified, Central Plains Co-op will work with suppliers to determine and implement remedial action.

### 5. Remediation of Loss of Income

Central Plains Co-op has not identified any child or forced labour in operations or supply chains, and therefore no measures have been taken to remediate the loss of income to vulnerable families that results from any measures taken.

### 6. Employee Training

Annual training and attestation are currently required for all employees to ensure compliance with Central Plains Co-op's Code of Conduct on company ethical standards, policies, laws and regulations. The Code of Conduct is applicable to everyone that conducts business on behalf of the organization which includes the Central Plains Co-op Board of Directors, the Senior Leadership Team and all current and new employees and contractors. Central Plains Co-op has identified the opportunity to incorporate human rights awareness training into the annual Code of Conduct attestation to create awareness and the associated risks of forced and child labour. In addition, Central Plains Co-op is exploring opportunities to provide role specific training to educate team members and help them identify and respond to risks of child and forced labour in supply chains. These opportunities will be evaluated through fiscal year 2024 and continually.



# 7. Efficacy of Actions

Central Plains Co-op has conducted a review of current policies and procedures as they pertain to child and forced labour and is currently evaluating further measures to assess the efficacy of actions. Success will be evaluated by tracking relevant performance indicators, such as levels of employee awareness, number of vendors signing the Social Responsibility Agreement, number of employees in procurement roles participating in training, as well as an annual review of the policies and procedures in place related to forced and child labour.

# 8. Approval and Attestation of the Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.

Full name: Shawn P. Adair

Title: General Manager Date: May 30, 2024

Signature:

I have the authority to bind Central Plains Co-op. The Statement has been reviewed and approved by the Board on behalf of itself.



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ddress Number (IDE Supplier Number)	Supplier Name	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	Provin ce	Ctry	Postal Code	Prefix	Phon
10502437	101165120 Saskatchewan Ltd	(peacock Industries)	Box 777	Hague	SK	CA	SOK1X0	639	3184032
10806206	12446391 Canada Inc	O/a Canpro Medical Supply	Box 1748	Kindersley	SK	CA	S0L1S0	306	3702644
10217943		C/o Berg's Hatchery		Russell	MB	CA	R0J1W0	204	7732562
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10078278		406-45th Street East		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7K0W2	306	934090
10071169		F & M Farms (1987) Ltd	2717 Cleveland Ave		SK	CA	S7K3R2	306 306	242103
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10188383	Canadian Organic Spice & Herb Canadian Tarpaulin Manufacturers Lt			Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7K7K3	306	933234
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10095546	Ceres Industries	Box 10, Site 603, Rr #6		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7K3J9	306	653725
10118553	Classy Imports	Bay 21, 1410 40th Avenue N.e.		Calgary	AB	CA	T2E6L1	403	291666
10071073	Coca-cola	C/o Lockbox 410310		Vancouver	BC	CA	V6B3W2	800	441310
10191891	Committed Ag Ltd	P.o Box 29020		Lethbridge	AB	CA	T1J4Y2	403	327176
10071077	Compass Minerals Canada Corp	Suite 202	6700 Century Ave.	Mississauga	ON	CA	L5N6A4	905	567023
10221703	Consolidated Gypsum Supply Ltd	704 - 64 Street East		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7P0E4	306	384807
10629178	Core-mark Calgary	8225 30th Street S.e.		Calgary	AB	CA	T2C1H7	000	04
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10546642	High Key Brewing	102 - 23rd St E		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7K0J2	1	-
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10071092	Lindenberg Seeds Ltd.	803 Princess Ave.		Brandon	MB	CA	R7A0P5	204	72705
10092943	Living Books Inc	Box 142		Borden	SK	CA	SOKONO	306	22701
10071068	Mckesson Canada Corporation	4440-78 Ave S.e.		Calgary	AB	CA	T2C2Z5	403	20352
10806245	Minhas Sask	Unit C,444 Mcleod Street		Regina	SK	CA	S4N4Y1	306	35273
10071099	Pepsi Cola Canada Beverages	Box 2815	Station M	Calgary	AB SX	CA	T2P4W6 S6X1C7	905	21273
10312476 10191430	Phantom Light Distillery Polywest Ltd	25 Linner Lane		Prince Albert Oak Bluff	MB	CA	R4G0B5	204	92482
10191430	Poulin's Pest Control	3700b Mcgillivray Boulevard 24 Poulin Drive		Winnipeg	MB	CA	R2H0S9	204	23325
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10105515	Rampage Coffee Co Roastery	3342 Millar Ave Unit 5		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7K7G9		
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10071120	S3 Manufacturing	Division Of S3 Group Ltd	2180 Oman Drive	Swift Current	SK	CA	S9H4J8	-	
10806255	Sanofi Pasteur Limited	1755 Steeles Ave West		Toronto	ON	CA	M2R3T4	800	26841
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10108162	Smooth 42 Craft Distillery Ltd	Po Box 56		Brownlee	SK	CA	SOHOMO	306	75942
10717163	Somerville Farms (2014 Ltd.)	Box 477-409 Railway Avenue		Eatonia	SK	CA	SOLOYO	306	96728
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10312477	Sperling Silver Distillery	Po Box 167	1700 Elphinstone St		SK	CA	S4P2Z6 L4L0B9	306	75100
10240647	Spicers Canada Ulc Springwater Colony	200 Glacat Drive Box 38		Vaughan	ON	CA	L4L0B9 S0K3S0	905 306	26519 94814
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10372214	Star Wholesale Ltd. Steel-craft Door Sales & Service Lt	843 56th Street East		Saskatoon	SK	CA	\$7K5Y9		65271
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10668957	Tumblers Pizza	Unit A -1653 Park St		Regina	SK	CA	S4N2E9	306	55240
10102090	Van Houtte Coffee Services Inc	3235 B Miners Ave		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7K7Z1	306	93130
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10108185	Western Producer_publications	1000-3530 Millar Ave		Saskatoon	SK	CA	S7P0B6	306	66535
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10100707	Windsor Salt Ltd	Cp 11321	Succ Centre - Ville	Montreal	QC	CA	H3C5H	514	63009