



UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
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INSTITUT DE CARDIOLOGIE
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The Supply Chains Act Report 2023-2024

Introduction

Forced labour can be found in every country and every sector. The International Labour Organization estimates that there are approximately 27.6 million victims of forced labour worldwide, including 17.3 million in the private economy. Forced labour and child labour risks occur primarily through the global supply chains of businesses. There is a risk that goods imported into and distributed in Canada were produced with forced labour or child labour. Entities and government institutions doing business in Canada have a responsibility to ensure that exploitative practices are addressed and eradicated from their supply chains.

The measures introduced (the “**Supply Chains Act**”, aim to increase industry awareness and transparency and drive businesses to improve practices.

The University of Ottawa Heart Institute (“**UOHI**”) is defined as an “Entity” under the *Supply Chains Act* and, therefore, must submit an annual report to the Minister of Public Safety by May 31 of each year. Reports must detail the steps taken during the previous financial year to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used by UOHI in our supply chains.

All reports will be made available to the public in two ways:

- In a prominent location on UOHI’s website
- In an electronic registry on Public Safety Canada’s website

The following information uses the Minister’s online questionnaire as the template for the report.

Questionnaire Responses

#	Question	Response
1	This Report is for....	An entity
2	Legal Name	University of Ottawa Heart Institute (UOHI)
3	Financial Reporting Year	April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024
4	Is this a revised version	No
5	Business number	Not applicable
6	Is this a joint report	No
7	Is the entity subject to reporting in another jurisdiction	No
8	Which categorizations applies to the entity	<p>Canadian business presence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a place of business in Canada • Does business in Canada • Has assets in Canada <p>Meets size-related thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has at least \$20 million in assets for at least one of its two most recent financial years • Has generated at least \$40 million in revenue for at least one of its two most recent financial years • Employs an average of at least 250 employees for at least one of its two most recent financial years
9	Which sectors or industries does the entity operate in	Health care and social assistance
10	In which country is the entity headquartered or principally located	Canada
10.1	In which province or territory is the entity headquartered or principally located	Ontario
11	Government institutions only	Not applicable

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1	What steps has the entity taken in the previous financial year to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used at any step of the production of goods in Canada or elsewhere by the entity or of goods imported into Canada by the entity	Monitoring Suppliers and Other, see details below.
2	Please provide additional information describing the steps taken (if applicable).	<p>UOHI relied on The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) through a purchased services agreement (SLA) who surveyed all suppliers in March 2024 to attest that no forced or child labour is used in their business activities and supply chain; that they are developing and implementing due diligence policies and processes for identifying and prohibiting the use of forced labour and/or child labour in their activities and supply chains.</p> <p>Through the purchased services agreement UOHI relies on TOH complying with the TOH Procurement Policy which includes the requirement to annually report by May 31st to the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness on steps taken to prevent and reduce the risk that forced, or child labour is used in the supply chain, and publicly post on the TOH external website. UOHI prepares and posts its own reporting on the UOHI external website.</p> <p>UOHI relies again through its SLA with TOH, on TOH complying with the TOH Procurement Policy which states that TOH may incorporate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria into the evaluation of a Competitive Procurement process. This has been incorporated into standard procurement templates and procedures.</p> <p>The declaration and certification schedule of TOH’s procurement templates include an Ethical Procurement section that addresses the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether a proponent is identified as an entity under the SupplyChains Act and in compliance; (ii) attests and certifies if a proponent has not been in breach or violation of any human rights code in the last 5 years; and (iii) the proponent certifying against eight fundamental human and labour rights, including child labour, forced labour, abuse and harassment, discrimination, freedom of association and collective bargaining, occupational safety and health, fair wages and hours of work.

3	Which of the following accurately describes the entity's structure?	Not-for-profit incorporated organization
4	Which of the following accurately describes the entity's activities?	Importing into Canada goods produced outside Canada.
5	Please provide additional information on the entity's structure, activities and supply chains.	<p>UOHI is one of Canada's largest heart health centres dedicated to understanding, treating, and preventing heart disease with an annual budget of approximately \$250 million. UOHI purchases medical supplies and equipment to provide healthcare to patients, in addition to goods and services needed to support the infrastructure and back-office functions. UOHI is the importer of record for the goods we purchase outside of Canada and therefore need to comply with the Customs Act. UOHI purchases from suppliers, distributors and manufacturers that are licensed to sell goods and services in Canada. Our supply chains include sub-contractors and third parties to our direct suppliers. UOHI is a member of a group purchasing organization (GPO) and leverages regional, provincial and national contracts.</p> <p>Our prime GPO has taken the following steps to mitigate the risk of forced and child labour in our supply chains:</p> <p>(i) Modified standard contract language "Representation and Warranties" section: "The goods and any services provided by the Supplier under this agreement are not the result of, and in no way involve, forced labour or child labour (as such terms are defined in Canada's Fighting against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act).</p> <p>(ii) Modified competitive procurement templates to include language that supplier must attest to: "Warrants that the goods and services that the Proponent is proposing to provide to the Purchaser are not the result of, and in no way involve, forced labour or child labour (as such terms are defined in Canada's Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act).</p> <p>(iii) If the GPO is made aware of any instances where forced labour or child labour exists in supply chains, they will inform TOH / UOHI.</p> <p>(iv) Developing internal policy and training for those in sourcing and supply chain roles.</p>

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6	Does the entity currently have policies and due diligence processes in place related to forced labour and/or child labour?	Yes
6.1	If yes, which of the following elements of the due diligence process has the entity implemented in relation to forced labour and/or child labour? Select all that apply.	Embedding responsible business conduct into policies and management systems.
7	Please provide additional information on the entity's policies and due diligence processes in relation to forced labour and child labour.	See response to question #2.
8	Has the entity identified parts of its activities and supply chains that carry a risk of forced labour or child labour being used?	No
9	Has the entity identified forced labour or child labour risks in its activities and supply chains related to any of the following sectors and industries?	No
10	Please provide additional information on the parts of the entity's activities and supply chains that carry a risk of forced labour or child labour being used, as well as	Not applicable

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	the steps that the entity has taken to assess and manage that risk (if applicable)	
11	Has the entity taken any measures to remediate any forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains?	Not applicable. We have not identified any forced labour or child labour in our activities and supply chains.
12	Please provide additional information on any measures the entity has taken to remediate any forced labour or child labour (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Has the entity taken any measures to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains?	Not applicable. We have not identified any loss of income to vulnerable families resulting from measures taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in our activities and supply chains
14	Please provide additional information on any measures the entity has taken to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains (if applicable)	Not applicable.
15	Does the entity currently provide training to employees	No

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	on forced labour and/or child labour?	
16	Please provide additional information on the training the entity provides to employees on forced labour and child labour (if applicable).	Not applicable
17	Does the entity currently have policies and procedures in place to assess its effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in its activities and supply chains?	Yes
17.1	If yes, what method does the entity use to assess its effectiveness?	Setting up a regular review or audit of the organization's policies and procedures related to forced labour and child labour. Further, working with suppliers to measure the effectiveness of their actions to address forced labour and child labour, including by tracking relevant performance indicators.
18	Please provide additional information on how the entity assesses its effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in its activities and supply chains.	The Procurement Policy and SOPs are reviewed annually.

Attestation:

This report has been approved by University of Ottawa Heart Institute Board of Directors.

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 Entity 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: **Dalton McGuinty**

Title: Board Chair of University of Ottawa Heart Institute

Signature: _____

I have the authority to bind the University of Ottawa Heart Institute

Full name: **Dr. Rob Beanlands**

Title: CEO and President, University of Ottawa Heart Institute

Signature: Rob Beanlands

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