



Sharp Energy Solutions Europe Statement on the Topic of Forced Labour

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Concerns on the topic of “forced labour” are growing globally, with calls increasing for supply chain transparency accompanied by stricter rules and laws prohibiting forced labour. The solar and energy storage industries are also being affected. The Biden administration announced to ban solar imports from China’s Xinjiang province based polysilicon manufacturers. Leading European trade associations have also spoken out against forced labour. Currently 40% of the world’s polysilicon is manufactured in the Xinjiang region.

Sharp considers forced labour as an unacceptable practice and would like to clarify our corporate values and measures against forced labour.

Sharp currently has no direct business relationships with factories in the Xinjiang region. Sharp has also received a declaration from the PV subcontractor, based outside the Xinjiang region in China, that they are not involved in forced labour by placing the protection of human rights as an important priority in their compliance management.

Sharp has established the "Sharp Group Charter of Corporate Behavior and the Sharp Code of Conduct" to ensure that fundamental human rights and the dignity of the individual are respected in all business activities. Sharp does not tolerate child labour or any form of forced labour. In the Sharp supply chain management, Sharp has established the "Sharp Supply Chain CSR Deployment Guidebook" in compliance with the RBA (Responsible Business Alliance) Code of Conduct, which stipulates that the transaction agreement contains this solid corporate policy for promoting CSR activities. The guidebook also prohibits any form of human rights violations, including forced labour. Sharp also requests its primary suppliers to implement RBA compliant code of conduct terms in the transaction agreements with their suppliers (Sharp’s secondary suppliers). Sharp conducts regular assessments through periodical supplier surveys to prevent any misconduct. Sharp will continue these efforts to fulfil the corporate social responsibility throughout the supply chain. More information:

(1) SHARP CSR

[CSR / Environment:SHARP CORPORATION \(global.sharp\)](https://www.sharp.com/global/CSR/Environment)

(2) SHARP Supply-Chain CSR Deployment Guidebook

[Basic Purchasing Principles | Procurement:SHARP CORPORATION \(global.sharp\)](https://www.sharp.com/global/CSR/Procurement)
[CSR Procurement | For Suppliers | CSR / Environment:SHARP CORPORATION \(global.sharp\)](https://www.sharp.com/global/CSR/Procurement)