

# **Anti-Slavery Statement 2023**

## Introduction

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(5) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the 'Act') and constitutes Travelex International Limited and its subsidiary companies' (Travelex or the Travelex Group's) commitment to adherence to the Act, for the financial year ending 31st December 2023.

### **Business Overview**

Founded in 1976 Travelex's mission is to simplify our customers' access to international money, however and whenever. We have grown to become one of the market leading specialist providers of foreign exchange products, solutions and services, operating across the entire value chain of the foreign exchange industry in more than 20 countries. We have developed a growing network of over 900 ATMs and more than 1,100 stores in some of the world's top international airports and in major transport hubs, premium shopping malls, high street locations, supermarkets and city centres supported by over 5,700 Travelex colleagues across the globe.

Travelex has built a growing online and mobile foreign exchange platform, and we also process and deliver foreign currency orders for major banks, travel agencies and hotels worldwide. In addition, we source and distribute large quantities of foreign currency banknotes for customers on a wholesale basis - including for central banks and international financial institutions. We also offer a range of remittance and international money transfer products around the world.

#### **Travelex Group Obligation**

The following sets out the obligations to which the Travelex Group will continue to adhere as a socially responsible group of companies and describes how it will continue to ensure that steps are taken to embed into the culture of the business appropriate systems and controls in order to prevent slavery and human trafficking in the United Kingdom and across our global companies.

However, it is understood that due to the various jurisdictions in which Travelex operates there will be additional processes that may need to be complied with to comply with local regulatory requirements and as such it is accepted that there will be variations in processes to meet these requirements. Travelex's commitment is to comply with a minimum standard even when there is no local relevant prevailing legislation.

For the purposes of this statement, we report on the steps taken between 1st January and 31st December 2023 to prevent slavery and human trafficking occurring within our business operations and inside our supply chain, covering the Travelex Group.

#### **Travelex Colleagues**

From a workforce perspective, the majority of our colleagues are employed directly, and we have direct visibility of their terms of employment, training, leave entitlements and working conditions. We consider the risk of modern slavery in our direct workforce as low.



We provide regular training to all our people to increase their awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking, so they are able to understand, identify and report on these risks.

We are committed to maintaining an honest and ethical culture, ensuring our people are aware of our anti-bribery policy and zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption. We also have a whistleblowing policy and provide a confidential, independent whistleblowing hotline for employees to report any concerns.

## **Our Supply Chain**

The Travelex Group is a global group of companies which uses the products and services of a wide range of suppliers and third parties to support general day-to-day business activities and operations across the world. These include but are not limited to, its retail stores, ATMs, the sourcing and distribution of foreign exchange banknotes, its IT platforms and systems, and its offices. Travelex believes that our presence across the entire value chain and our decentralised structure supports our ability to identify and carefully choose appropriate suppliers. As a trusted brand in foreign exchange, the Travelex Group is committed to act ethically with integrity and transparency in all business relationships throughout the supply chain and vendor management, ensuring appropriate due diligence and ongoing assurance processes are completed to identify and assess potential risks within the supply chain and to mitigate the risks of slavery and/or human trafficking occurring.

In order to deliver great service to our customers and business partners, the Travelex Group sources foreign currency from reputable, approved foreign exchange providers, ensuring appropriate validation is completed prior to sourcing, and continually reviews these customers and partners.

#### **Supply Chain Management**

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We expect our suppliers to share and uphold these ethical values and principles.

#### Steps Taken in 2023:

Travelex considers the risk posed to our business as medium, and this rating is driven primarily due to the way we engage directly with suppliers who have their own dependencies on third-party suppliers. Travelex has a robust risk assessment process in place in line with our Supplier Management framework in order to mitigate any specific risks posed, reducing the overall rating to low risk.

During 2023, the Travelex Group has continued our program of systematic reviews of third parties and suppliers in order to mitigate the risk of Modem Slavery within our supply chain. These have included:



- Identifying and assessing potential risk areas when engaging new vendors and reinforcing due diligence checks in high-risk areas. Enhanced due diligence would be completed as part of the supplier selection process.
- Performing ongoing due diligence when reassessing existing vendors, Travelex has continued to re-assess its key supply network which includes questions related to modern slavery and treatment by our suppliers of their people.

At Travelex we require the highest standards of personal and professional honesty and integrity from our employees in all business dealings and relationships, including with customers, other employees, and suppliers.

Additionally, for any customers that are located in higher risk geographical location, Travelex has detailed and implemented a due diligence policy and programme which aligns to our Economic Crime Prevention and Counter Terrorist Financing requirements.

# **Our Policies and Employee Training:**

- Travelex has clearly communicated to all colleagues that they must adhere to the standards outlined in the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption suite of policies, which incorporates modern slavery.
- Other documents relevant to preventing modern slavery in Travelex's operations include the Global Ethical Conduct Policy along with the Vendor Management Governance Policy. Travelex will continue to raise awareness of modern slavery within the colleague network, completed by training, communication, and internal blogs.
- Travelex has in place systems to encourage the reporting of concerns or breaches of policy via the whistle-blowing gateways and ensures the protection of any whistle-blower.

#### **Travelex Group Commitment**

The Travelex Group is committed to acting ethically and to comply with all laws, regulations and rules applicable to our business as well as demonstrating the highest professional standards. Accordingly, Travelex will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the programme, implementing enhancements when required, and ensuring that policies and procedures in relation to modern slavery are implemented. Annual reviews will be conducted in addition to audits of the associated policies and procedures. Our approach to managing modern slavery risks is an integral part of our approach to respecting human rights and we expect our business partners to adhere to the same exacting standards and values.

#### Governance

The ongoing oversight for the continuous evolution of the policy and procedures relating to modern slavery sits within Travelex's Compliance and Risk team, with ongoing support from Travelex's Procurement, Human Resources, Legal and Audit functions.

The Modern Slavery Policy and statement are reviewed annually and require annual approval from both the Group Risk Committee and the board of Travelex International Limited.



# Non-compliance

The Travelex Group has a zero tolerance for breaches, as outlined in our various policies. Non-compliance in relation to modern slavery could constitute misconduct or gross misconduct and result in disciplinary action including dismissal for our colleagues; and the termination of relationships with suppliers, vendors and other third parties.

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