



## **Modern slavery statement for financial year 2017/18**

This statement is made pursuant to s.54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that English Hops Limited has taken and is continuing to take to ensure that modern slavery or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain.

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour. English Hops Limited has a zero tolerance approach to any form of modern slavery. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity and transparency in all business dealings and to putting effective systems and controls in place to safeguard against any form of modern slavery taking place within the business or our supply chain.

### **Our business**

We are a Hop Grower Co-Operative based in Hop Pocket Lane, Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6DQ. Growing, harvesting and processing by a third party.

### **Our high risk areas**

It is the responsibility of each individual grower to comply with the relevant policies listed below.

### **Our policies**

We operate a number of internal policies to ensure that we are conducting business in an ethical and transparent manner. These include:

1. Anti-slavery policy. This policy sets out the organisation's stance on modern slavery and explains how employees can identify any instances of this and where they can go for help.
2. Recruitment policy. We operate a robust recruitment policy, including conducting eligibility to work in the UK checks for all employees to safeguard against human trafficking or individuals being forced to work against their will.
3. Whistleblowing policy. We operate a whistleblowing policy so that all employees know that they can raise concerns about how colleagues are being treated, or practices within our business or supply chain, without fear of reprisals.
4. Code of business conduct. This code explains the manner in which we behave as an organisation and how we expect our employees and suppliers to act.

### Our suppliers

English Hops Limited operates a supplier policy and maintains a preferred supplier list. We conduct due diligence on all suppliers before allowing them to become a preferred supplier. Our anti-slavery policy forms part of our contract with all suppliers and they are required to confirm that no part of their business operations contradicts this policy.

In addition to the above, as part of our contract with suppliers, we require that they confirm to us that:

for example:

1. They have taken steps to eradicate modern slavery within their business.
2. They hold their own suppliers to account over modern slavery.
3. (For UK based suppliers) They pay their employees at least the national minimum wage / national living wage (as appropriate).
4. We may terminate the contract at any time should any instances of modern slavery come to light.

### Our performance indicators

- No reports are received from employees, the public, or law enforcement agencies to indicate that modern slavery practices have been identified.

### Approval for this statement

This statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 24 J JULY 2018

Name (Director) J F P Pudge Company Secretary

Signature



Date 24/07/2018