

6-2 Supply Chain Management

Promoting measures for sustainable procurement with business partners all over the world

» Basic Policy

Our Group aims to strengthen supply chain management (SCM) looking ahead to business continuity and sustainable value creation in the global market. In addition, our Group determined the “Asahi Intecc Group’s Procurement Policy” and has been strengthening compliance with laws and social norms. We value the partnerships we have built with our business partners and aim to strengthen our relationships further based on fair, impartial, and transparent transactions.

Part of our Group’s social responsibility is the stable provision of high-quality medical care achieved by continuing to supply the world with one-and-only technologies and number one products. To fulfill this role, we are engaged in measures for sustainable procurement in cooperation with business partners all over the world according to the Rules of Purchase Policy of Asahi Intecc.



① Asahi Intecc Group’s Procurement Policy

In August 2024, Asahi Intecc Group revised the Asahi Intecc Group’s Procurement Policy with the approval of the Board of Directors in order to value partnerships with suppliers and continue to provide superior products in the global market. The revised policy is published on the Asahi Intecc website together with the Requests to Our Suppliers, which contains specific requests to suppliers. Our group will work with suppliers to resolve sustainability issues throughout the entire supply chain. See our websites for details of Asahi Intecc Group’s Procurement Policy and Requests to Our Suppliers.

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② Policy-Sharing Explanation for Suppliers

We ask our business partners for compliance with laws and social norms, and fair and impartial transactions, as well as quality control. The status of these matters constitutes a part of the selection criteria of new suppliers.

We strive for stability in our product delivery by sharing short-term procurement information with major partners on a monthly basis and medium- to long-term procurement information with partners as needed for them to construct a secure delivery system.

< Major requests >

- Compliance with laws and social norms (e.g., respect for human rights such as prevention of forced labor and child labor, corruption prevention)
- Sound management system and impartial corporate activities
- Securing quality and safety, and a stable delivery system
- Adherence to delivery schedule and reasonable price, etc.



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③ Questionnaire and Audit for Suppliers

We regularly conduct our Forecast Questionnaire (Stable Delivery) for major partners to realize the quality and stable delivery required by medical facilities. Also, from FYE June 2022, we newly added items related to compliance with laws and social norms and environmental considerations to the Questionnaire. As stated in its Chapter of Corporate Behavior, our Group has been engaging in business activities that take human rights into consideration, such as the prevention of forced labor and child labor. Through communication with our business partners, we are striving to make them understand our Group's production and procurement policies.

We survey our business partners concerning the production plan and the status of quality control for components delivered to our Group, and ask them for cooperation in an audit if a risk, etc. occurs. We also conduct an on-site audit regularly and systematically for our partners that manufacture quality-relevant components according to the rules of purchase control. An on-site audit specifically checks the details of regulations and standards, quality control systems, and the quality assurance process, frequency of and responses to defects, and preventive measures from the two aspects of quality control system and product quality.

④ BCP (Business Continuity Plan) of Procurement

Our Group, procuring many valuable metals and reagents, puts efforts into the BCP (Business Continuity Plan) of procurement for stable delivery of our products to our customers even amid large-scale disasters and pandemic. We constantly strengthen and improve the supply chain, optimize our inventory, etc. for stable procurement activities in any case by purchase from multiple sources of procurement for each product item, and insourcing for materials that are difficult to purchase from multiple sources, or components that are at high risk.

In addition, we started a new measure in FYE June 2021, a questionnaire for our major partners "Requests for Cooperation for Survey of Business Continuity System." We will use it to construct a BCP system for the entire supply chain.



⑤ Employee Education

The purchasing department attends classes by the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) and the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Act against Delay in Payment of Subcontract Proceeds, etc. to Subcontractors, as well as to comply with laws and regulations.

In-house education also covers this Act and the JFTC's 11 prohibitions for all related departments, including purchasing, delivery, payment, orders, and quality assurance.