

Ethics and Compliance

Cargill strives to meet the highest ethical business practices. Our customers, stakeholders, employees, and communities count on us to uphold this ambition, and Cargill's continued success depends on it. From our **Code of Conduct** and compliance programs to responsible sourcing, we aim to foster a culture of respect, trust, and collaboration.

Our expectations

Our ethical culture is grounded in our **Code of Conduct**, which includes our **Guiding Principles** and references our compliance policies. The Code applies to all employees worldwide and anyone acting on behalf of Cargill. This year, we refreshed the Code, which Cargill has had in place since 2012, and updated over 200 compliance policies. Our suppliers are expected to uphold similar principles, which are outlined in the **Supplier Code of Conduct**.

If someone has a concern about the conduct of a Cargill employee or a person representing Cargill, we want them to speak up. Our confidential **Ethics Open Line** is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week worldwide.

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Our approach

Do the right thing

Our shared ethical standards guide us when we face ethical dilemmas.

Do things the right way

Our strong compliance culture drives our business conduct throughout the world.

Our ongoing commitment

Ethics and compliance are embedded in our business. Throughout the year, we promote compliance messages and share case studies. We also provide training on topics such as anti-bribery, anti-fraud, data privacy, conflicts of interest, and speaking up. As part of the onboarding process, new employees receive mandatory compliance training in their first three months. Current employees must complete an annual refresher training on our ethical standards and compliance expectations.

While we encourage employees to make ethical decisions every day, in 2024, during our fourth annual Ethics Week, we highlighted the theme of acting with integrity. As part of this week, teams around the world delved into how acting with integrity helps each other, our customers, and the planet. At our production facilities and corporate locations, we engaged employees in discussions about ethical dilemmas on topics including conflicts of interest and corruption. We also invited employees to share their commitments to doing the right thing, and thousands of employees posted their statements internally and on social media.

Responsible sourcing

Sourcing responsibly is part of how we do business and directly supports our purpose to nourish the world in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way. Responsible sourcing mitigates negative impact on human rights and the environment by integrating due diligence into policies and risk management practices in our supply chains and facilities. To do this, we are building systems aligned with customer and regulatory expectations of reliable, transparent, and responsible value chains.

In response to emerging regulations and customer needs, we continuously assess and update new and existing policies and processes:

- **Our Supplier Code of Conduct** has been in place since 2018, and is incorporated into supplier contracts, vendor agreements, and referenced in supplier questionnaires. In 2023, it was broadened to include suppliers, farmers, producers, manufacturers, and other business partners. It was also revised to detail

our mandatory human rights and environmental expectations for all suppliers, including Cargill’s right to conduct due diligence to ensure compliance.

- **Our Corporate Due Diligence Policy** outlines Cargill’s process for identifying and addressing human rights and environmental risks within our own operations, supply chains, and business relationships. It is intended to provide Cargill businesses with the flexibility to develop their own risk-based approach to human rights and environmental due diligence.
- **Our Human Rights and Environmental Grievance Process** provides a framework for internal and external stakeholders to raise concerns about human rights or environmental issues relating to Cargill or our suppliers. This process aims to ensure that complaints are received, addressed, and monitored across Cargill’s supply chains and our own operations. In response, enterprise panels review high risk concerns and ensure time-bound actions are in place.

“Cargill believes that doing the right thing sets the foundation for long-term success. Our values and ethical culture are among the things that drew me here — people driven to do what’s right for each other, our customers, and the planet.”

Rishi Varma

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General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
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