






# amfori BSCI audits



## amfori steps away from fully announced social audits

amfori supports businesses in their ESG due diligence journey to turn risks into opportunities. As a member-driven organisation, our aim is to deliver effective ESG due diligence solutions, responding to our members' needs and demands. Following feedback from members and stakeholders, we have taken a major decision: as of 1 September 2024, amfori will no longer accept requests for fully announced amfori BSCI audits.

### Key reasons behind this decision

-  Get better visibility and insights into the realities of your supply chains, which will further facilitate your sustainable business practices
-  See decreased risks of compromised audits, and consequently reduced risk of potential reputational damage
-  Feel encouraged to excel, strive for continuous improvement and implement more effective and positive changes in your due diligence efforts

### amfori BSCI audits

While social audits play a crucial role in our members' due diligence efforts, they are a solution that offers a snapshot at a given point in time. amfori BSCI is not a qualification or certification system. Social audits are one solution in the amfori toolbox and can only help in improving labour standards when supplemented with other effective human rights due diligence tools.

Monitoring is a key pillar of the amfori BSCI system. With this decision, amfori wants to encourage its members to excel, strive for continuous improvement and implement more effective and positive changes in their due diligence efforts. We cannot do this without your support. Together we need to collaborate to increase Sustainable trade and accelerate positive impact.

### Questions?

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### In Brief



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#### 2 announcements types for amfori BSCI audits

amfori will only have two announcements types : fully unannounced and semi-announced.



#### Semi-announced audits remain the default option

Semi-announced audits already are and will remain the default option when requesting an amfori BSCI audit via the amfori Sustainability Platform.



#### amfori BSCI is not a certification system

amfori BSCI audits are not related to any quality and food safety audits, nor to any standard or qualification or certification system.

## Why an exemption might be granted?

On a case-by-case basis, an exemption might be granted.



### Auditor safety at risk

If the auditor safety is at risk - political instability or a compromise to auditor safety



### Only one requester

Only scheme manager can request such an exemption



### RSP holder needs to be informed

RSP holder needs to have already requested a audit on the amfori Sustainability Platform

## How it works?

### CHALLENGE

After requesting an audit on the amfori Sustainability Platform, RSP holder can always communicate with Scheme manager using the chat fonction



Looking at the audit request, scheme managers must ask themselves if there is a potential compromise for auditor safety or political instability.



#### If "Yes"

Follow the guidance to know how concretely a fully announced audit exemption can be granted.

### INFORM



#### Who?

The RSP holder



#### How?

Using the chat function



#### What?

Submit a request for an exemption



#### 48 hours

The RSP holder has 48 hours to disagree with this proposal. After this timeframe, it will be assumed that the RSP holder is aware and has no issue with this request.

### PLAN

#### Schedule the audit

The audit needs to be more than 2 weeks away. If not, there will not be enough time to receive approval.



#### Send an email

Entitled "amfori BSCI Fully Announced Audit Exemption Request"



#### Include in the email

- The monitoring ID
- Screenshot of chat function informing the RSP holder
- Evidence/attachements listed below

## Next Steps



#### amfori's decision

The amfori monitoring team will verify all the information and decide to either accept, reject or request for more information within 5 days.



#### Proceed with the audit planning

Upon amfori's approval of the exemption request, the RSP holder can proceed with the audit planning as usual. This may include, informing the BP of the fully announced audit date.

## Evidences

### ➤ Compromised auditor safety

- Official government travel advisories
- Documentation of past incidents of violence in the region

### ➤ Political instability in the target country

- Travel advisories due to political unrest
- News reports of demonstrations or violence
- Documentation of government restrictions on foreign visitors

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