

# MVE's Modern Slavery Statement

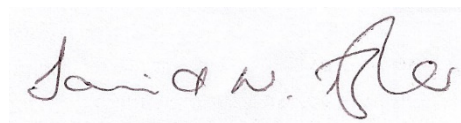
It is a requirement placed upon the company by the UK Government, under the Modern Slavery Act 2015, that we publish a statement on our website in a prominent position indicating those steps that have been taken to ensure that we have complied with its requirements or stating why we have not.

The Board Statement:

As a company, we employ almost exclusively in the United Kingdom and do so in an open and transparent manner, giving our auditors complete access to employment records. Where the company has interests outside of the UK, we elicit from our partners a statement from them indicating their position in relation to human trafficking and modern slavery. In all such cases, we have endeavoured to undertake site visits to ensure, as far as is reasonably possible, the validity of such statements.

The supply chain within the veterinary sector is a diverse and complex affair. However, we fully recognise our responsibilities in relation to the supply chain in which we trade and have written to our suppliers requesting a statement from them on their corporate policy in relation to slavery and human trafficking. We supply well over 18,000 lines to our customers here in the UK and abroad from a myriad of different suppliers that are based all over the world. To verify the antislavery statements given by each of them in relation to the individual products that they supply to us would be impractical. With this in mind, we have also asked our specialist wholesale suppliers to satisfy themselves, to the best of their ability, that no discernible abuse is taking place in the supply chain.

Recently, post Brexit, we have used selected partners to supply product into the EU. Recognising that this exposes us to additional risk we have asked each of these partners to provide us with a letter of comfort in relation to their position on modern slavery.



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Managing Director – April 2021