

Principles Update 2026

A roadmap for updating and strengthening the PSCI Principles

Principles Update: Background

The [PSCI Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management](#) set out the industry's shared expectations for ethical, safe, and sustainable supply chain practices.

- First agreed by founding members in 2006
- Updates in 2019 and 2022
- Adopted by all PSCI member companies and widely referenced in supplier codes of conduct

The PSCI Principles are intended to **sit above the supplier code**, setting **high level expectations for practice**. They provide a common foundation while giving companies flexibility to integrate the expectations into their own programs and standards.

They are designed to:

- Encourage continuous improvement across global supply chains
- Remain relevant over a three-year cycle
- Be applicable across the diversity of suppliers, geographies, and manufacturing operations represented within the industry

The 2026 update aims to maintain this balance - setting expectations that are ambitious yet achievable, supporting progress toward PSCI's vision of a responsible and resilient pharmaceutical supply chain.



ETHICS



HUMAN RIGHTS



HEALTH & SAFETY



ENVIRONMENT



GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Principles Update: Guidance for input

- The Principles are updated every three years to ensure they reflect evolving expectations, emerging risks, and new regulatory requirements.
- This year, we are inviting external stakeholders to contribute their views.
- To maintain clarity and consistency in the Principles wording, we ask that those submitting views to the consultation align with these guidelines:
 - A maximum of one major change (e.g. restructuring the way the Principles are organised)
 - Up to three minor edits (e.g. refining sub-topic wording or reflecting new legislative expectations)
- All proposals **must be received by 8th April, 2026**.
- These proposals will be considered by the PSCI Topic Teams, which are PSCI's subject matter expert groups and the primary guardians of the Principles wording.
- A summary of changes agreed during the last Principles update (2022) is available on the [PSCI website](#).

Principles Update: 2026 Timeline

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Key links

- [The PSCI Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management](#)
- [Agreed updates made out of the 2022 update process](#)
- [Form to submit proposed changes](#)
- Contact details for questions: info@pscinitiative.org