

# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

## **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for Hengeler Mueller Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten mbB (“Hengeler Mueller”)**

Hengeler Mueller is a leading law firm providing a full and extensive range of legal services to its national and international clients. We seek excellence in every aspect of our business and are committed to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and integrity. Slavery and human trafficking are serious human rights offenses that Hengeler Mueller strongly condemns in all of their forms.

As required by the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the “Act”), this statement describes the steps which Hengeler Mueller has taken during the financial year ended 31 December 2019 to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of our supply chains, or in any part of our own business.

### **Business model**

Hengeler Mueller is a limited liability partnership with its registered seat in Berlin, Germany, further German offices in Dusseldorf, Frankfurt am Main and Munich, and offices in London (United Kingdom) and Brussels (Belgium).

For further information about our business model, including how we are regulated, see the Legal Information on our website ([www.hengeler.com](http://www.hengeler.com)).

In light of the nature of our business as a professional services firm and the character of our supply chains we believe that our risks of modern slavery and human trafficking are relatively low. Hengeler Mueller is nonetheless committed to taking steps to prevent such conduct from occurring anywhere in its business or supply chains.

### **Supply chain relationships**

Our key suppliers are the businesses which help us to run our premises, such as our catering and cleaning providers, or who supply us with the technology we need to deliver our legal services to our clients. We tend to foster long-term relationships with these suppliers. Most of them are based in Germany and benefit from the counties’ strict employment protection legislation which includes protection against the violation of human rights.

## **Employees**

All our employees, regardless of their place of work, enjoy the same employment protection under German law. In addition, we run a number of internal programmes to ensure the wellbeing of our employees.

We are committed to conducting our business in a lawful manner including the avoidance of human trafficking and modern slavery. In 2019, we have taken major steps to summarize existing compliance policies and procedures into official internal directives and make these available and understood by all employees. In 2020, we continued these efforts.

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Compliance Committee