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Keeping Supply Chains Clean

While attending the Society for Corporate Compliance and Ethics' 7th Annual European Compliance & Ethics Institute in Berlin this past March, I was struck by how many compliance professionals were thinking and talking about complying with modern slavery laws and other laws targeted at ensuring that companies' supply chains are free from human rights violations.

Given the challenges compliance with the 2015 U.K. Modern Slavery Act and the [California Transparency in Supply Chains Act](#) poses for companies, I knew how important it would be to discuss the significant number of other laws that have been recently passed or will be passed soon. So I asked Sarah Carpenter, manager of business and human rights at Assent Compliance, to write an [article](#) for us explaining the current landscape of laws targeting modern slavery. I also asked Maria Lancri, a French attorney at GGV Avocats, to write about France's [Duty of Care Law](#), which goes beyond many of the other laws to cover not just slavery but other human rights violations and environmental issues as well.

While the laws may be varied and complicated, based on Sarah and Maria's stellar articles, it seems the strongest tool for combatting all manner of human rights violations is one we are already familiar with: [third-party](#) due diligence. Carefully scrutinizing the suppliers and vendors with which a company works is one of the most effective ways of keeping a supply chain clean and also complying with these myriad new laws. Luckily, we have a [host](#) of articles to help benchmark and improve your diligence program. Are you adjusting your compliance program to address these new supply chain laws or assisting clients to do so? If so, we would love to hear about what you are doing.

Warmly,

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