

Procurement Policy

1. Purpose of this Procurement Policy

Mizuho's business operations are supported by the cooperation of suppliers providing office supplies, IT systems, outsourcing, and other goods and services.

At Mizuho, we have defined our basic stance towards suppliers in regard to purchasing of goods and services and ordering of IT systems ("procurement") in the Mizuho Code of Conduct. This Procurement Policy stipulates the specific actions we will take to ensure responsible procurement in light of our basic stance. It applies to all group companies of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

2. Basic approach to procurement operations

Mizuho will promote responsible and optimal procurement, improve corporate value, and aim to achieve a sustainable society.

Fair and impartial decisions on suppliers

- We will make fair and impartial decisions on suppliers, taking into account factors such as quality, ease of use of services, price, reliability, compliance with laws and regulations, information management frameworks, respect for human rights, and environmentally friendly initiatives.

Compliance with laws and regulations and social norms

- We will fully comply with all laws, rules, and regulations; always adhere to social norms; and exercise strong self-discipline in our procurement operations.
- With our suppliers, we will maintain healthy and transparent relationships. To ensure this, we will not accept gifts or entertainment from suppliers when these are against social norms.

Respect for human rights and consideration for the environment

- In our procurement operations, we will endeavor to respect human rights and reduce our environmental footprint.
- We will also encourage our suppliers to respect human rights and give consideration to the environment in their business operations.

3. Requirements for suppliers

Throughout our procurement operations, we will expect suppliers to understand and cooperate with the following so that both Mizuho and our suppliers will be able to positively contribute to development of a sustainable society and achieve mutual growth as business partners.

Compliance with laws and regulations and social norms

- Fully comply with all laws, rules, and regulations, adhere to social norms, and conduct corporate activities fairly and in good faith.

Information management

- Manage information gathered through business operations with due care, in compliance with laws on the protection of personal information and any related laws.

Respect for human rights

- Be aware of the ways in which business operations have the potential to impact human rights and endeavor to respect human rights while carrying out corporate activities.

Consideration for the environment

- Work to reduce the environmental impact of business operations through use of sustainable energy and resources, pollution prevention, green procurement, and other measures.

4. Implementation

- Mizuho will provide this Procurement Policy to our primary suppliers and ask them to familiarize themselves with the contents.
- This policy will be implemented from July 1, 2021.

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