



PREVENTING BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS:

The OECD Good Practice Guidance on
Internal Controls, Ethics & Compliance

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The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention

Levelling the playing field:

- Criminalises foreign bribery in 40 countries;
- Increased enforcement:
 - 90 companies and 210 individuals sanctioned to date
 - 300 investigations ongoing in 26 countries.





OECD Good Practice Guidance

- With increased enforcement, companies need to know how to prevent bribery and corruption.
- Response: 2010 OECD *Good Practice Guidance on Internal Controls, Ethics and Compliance*
- First guidance of its kind agreed at intergovernmental level



Implementing an anti-bribery program

- No one-size-fits-all: Each company is different and has different compliance needs.
- Good Practice Guidance: Highlights fundamental elements of any effective programme.



Elements of a strong programme

- Clear and visible corporate policy prohibiting bribery;
- Policies and measures for specific risk areas applicable at all levels;
- Due diligence;
- Financial and accounting procedures.



Not just a paper tiger ...

- ‘Tone from the top’: strong support from senior management;
- Communications and training;
- Disciplinary measures;
- Safe and reliable reporting procedures;
- Monitoring and evaluation.



Thank you

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