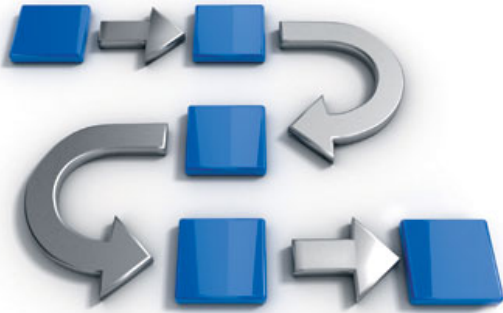




Labour, health, safety, and environmental performance standards that benefit workers and the environment are applied at all levels of our organization, including Akran's supply chain.

We implement guiding principles, tools and processes that suppliers must meet to have access to our markets in effort to improve performance beyond the first tier. Akran shares best practices with suppliers to address key issues. We audit overseas manufacturers on a regular basis to ensure quality and ethical production. Akran employs corporate, joint and third-party assessors for supplier evaluation. We provide manufacturers with consistent sustainability principles and expectations for performance.