



# How the Sustainable Food Retail Certification Aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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## Executive Summary: The Sustainable Food Retail Certification Program and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of global, voluntary goals to end hunger, fight injustice, and protect the planet. Though the goals largely depend on countries to enact policies and implement programs to contribute to the goals, the activities of private sector companies are increasingly being measured against the SDGs. The food retail industry can use the SDGs to identify business risks and opportunities, but there is no clear roadmap for how to tackle these. Ratio Institute’s Sustainable Food Retail Certification program offers a roadmap for retailers to measure their sustainability performance against the SDGs and identify gaps and further opportunities.



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This guide maps the Certification Standard against the SDGs, with the goal of laying out a practical and tactical roadmap for retailers to measure their performance and report against the SDGs.



## What Are the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

When they were adopted in 2015, the UN Sustainable Development Goals replaced the earlier [Millennium Development Goals](#), which were set to expire that year. The SDGs expanded and built upon the MDGs. The approach of the SDGs and MDGs is to rely on goal-setting as the governance mechanism rather than regulation or market-based approaches, which means that they are not legally binding but depend highly on bottom-up, stakeholder-oriented efforts to

achieve the goals.<sup>1</sup> Because of this, the success of the SDGs relies on policies, plans, and programs put into place by individual countries, the development of national-level indicators and regulatory frameworks to push implementation forward, and the mobilization of resources to support implementation. Many businesses have integrated the SDGs into their overall strategy and practices, and civil society organizations (NGOs) have arisen to support the momentum.

The SDGs are broken into [169 targets across the 17 goals along with 231 unique indicators](#). The global indicator framework underwent a comprehensive review in 2020, resulting in refinements to the framework. Since the establishment of the original MDGs in 2000, both progress and setbacks have been [noted on some of the goals](#).

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



<sup>1</sup> 2017. Frank Biermann, Norichika Kanie, Rakhyun E Kim, Global governance by goal-setting: the novel approach of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, Volumes 26–27, Pages 26–31. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877343517300209>

## Why the UN Sustainable Development Goals Matter to Food Retailers

In September 2015, all 193 member states of the United Nations adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of an ambitious [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), which details a plan to end hunger, fight injustice, and protect the planet by focusing on the critical areas of people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership. The goals represent a single sustainability agenda for the world but rely heavily on voluntary efforts on the part of governments, business, civil society, and individual citizens to reach the goals and the 169 targets associated with them.

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While all private sector businesses can and are [contributing to achieving the goals](#), the food retail industry is uniquely positioned to amplify its positive impact on global sustainable development. Grocery stores are the nexus of the food system, having reach into the food supply chain—both upstream in the context of food production, processing, and distribution and downstream to the people who shop in stores—and impacting billions of people and countless acres of land. Leveraging this reach can go a long way toward achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The SDGs are arguably a “great gift” to the food retail industry, representing “a crystal ball . . . to ‘look into the future’ and seek long-term guidance for investments and new business opportunities.”<sup>2</sup> In other words, the SDGs are an incredible tool for food retailers to **identify areas of highest risk and greatest opportunity for their business**. However, they do not offer a clear roadmap for tackling those risks and opportunities. Furthermore, until now, there did not exist a guide for retailers to translate the SDGs into actionable priorities.

In September 2021, Ratio Institute launched the Sustainable Food Retail Certification program with the objective of establishing a comprehensive, rigorous, and systematic approach to improving sustainability practices in food retail businesses. The Certification Standard includes 17 practice areas covering all aspects of food retail operational sustainability, from energy efficiency and refrigerants that contribute to global warming to diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI). The comprehensive nature of the Certification Standard offers a **practical, tactical roadmap** for food retail businesses of all sizes to translate the UN Sustainable Development Goals for their own operations and **quantify their contribution to achieving the SDGs**. Additionally, Certification can help retailers **report out to stakeholders** their progress on reaching specific SDGs and targets.

### About This Guide

The purpose of this guide is to illustrate the alignment between the Sustainable Food Retail Standard and its individual practices with the SDGs so that retailers can use the Certification to identify risks and opportunities and report against the SDGs. The guide is organized by SDG, and Sustainable Food Retail Certification practices are mapped to applicable SDG targets.

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<sup>2</sup> 2018. Claus Stig Pedersen. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a Great Gift to Business! *Procedia CIRP*, Volume 69, Pages 21–24.  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212827118300040>

Practices include both enterprise (corporate) and store-level practices, each identified by their practice number. In many instances, a single Certification practice can contribute to several SDGs. Given this, some practices appear multiple times in the guide across SDGs. SDG targets involving policies and state actions are not included since they are not directly actionable for private companies.

## Sustainable Food Retail Certification Standard Alignment with UN SDGs

### Mapping the Sustainable Food Retail Certification Standard to the 17 SDGs and select targets shows specific actions grocers can take to contribute to the SDGs.

#### Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

To align with SDG Goal 1, food retailers can implement practices like increasing the diversity of upper management and board, improving wage equity, and offering living wages to employees.

Sustainable Development Goal 1 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions	ENT-LAB-003	Do all hourly employees earn a federally-defined living wage (defined in 2019 as >\$16.54/hour) or state-defined living wage if it is higher?
	ENT-DEI-008	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for employees of color at least 95% that of white employees over the last two years?
1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance	ENT-DEI-001	Does the company have a policy on diversity, equal opportunity, and nondiscrimination?
	ENT-DEI-004	Does at least 50% of the governing board identify as women, trans, nonbinary, or people of color?
	ENT-DEI-005	Does at least 50% of upper management staff identify as people of color?
	ENT-DEI-006	What percentage of the governing board identify as people of color?
	ENT-DEI-007	Does the company have a policy in place to ensure greater supplier diversity?
	ENT-DEI-008	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for employees of color at least 95% that of white employees over the last two years?
	ISO-OP-DEI-001	Does the percentage of management staff that identify as women align with local (county-level) demographics?
	ISO-OP-DEI-002	Does the percentage of management staff that identify as people of color align with local (county-level) demographics?

#### Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

The Sustainable Food Retail Certification practices on food waste, sustainable supply chain, and the promotion of sustainability-marketed products in stores can contribute to the SDG Goal 2 to end hunger and promote sustainable agriculture.

Sustainable Development Goal 2 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<p><b>2.1</b> By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round</p> <p><b>2.2</b> By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons</p>	ENT-PW-002	Does the company have a policy on food waste reduction?
	ENT-PW-003	Does the company have stated waste reduction targets?
	ISO-OP-PW-001	Does the store donate food to food banks?
	ISO-OP-PW-006	Does the store have a food waste prevention SOP that employees are required to abide by?
<p><b>2.3</b> By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment</p>	ENT-SC-012	Has the company done a human rights assessment of its suppliers in the last three years?
	ENT-SS-009	Does the company have a policy to prioritize local suppliers where possible?
	ENT-DEI-007	Does the company have a policy in place to ensure greater supplier diversity?
<p><b>2.4</b> By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality</p>	ENT-SC-001	Does the company have a policy on sustainable sourcing/procurement?
	ENT-SC-006-1	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for palm oil?
	ENT-SC-006-2	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for seafood?
	ENT-SC-006-3	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for meat products?
	ENT-SC-006-4	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for eggs?
	ENT-SC-006-5	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for sugar, soy, or rice?
	ENT-SC-006-6	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for paper products?
	ENT-SC-006-7	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for beauty products?
	ISO-SF-SMP-004	Are organic and other eco-certified products integrated with conventional products and not in a separate section of the store?

	ISO-SF-SMP-005	Does the store visually highlight Certified Humane and other certified meat products in cases? Check product type that applies.
	ISO-SF-SMP-006	Are steroid-, antibiotic- or hormone-free meat products visually highlighted in the store? Check product types that are visually highlighted.
	ISO-SF-SMP-007	Are vegetarian/grass-fed or no-animal-by-product-fed meat products and eggs highlighted? Check all product types that are visually highlighted.
	ISO-SF-SMP-008	Does the store visually highlight sustainably harvested seafood in cases (including MSC, ASC, FIPS)?
	ISO-SF-SMP-009	Does the store visually highlight eco-certified eggs in cases?

### Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Food retailers can implement practices to reduce environmental pollution from operations and the use of toxic chemicals to contribute to Goal 3.

Sustainable Development Goal 3 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
3.4 By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being	ENT-LAB-001	Does the company have a policy on employee health and well-being?
3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination	ENT-TOX-001	Are stores required to report on disposal of hazardous materials and waste? (E.g., leaking quarts of oil, leaking containers of pesticide, disinfectants, photo processing waste)
	ENT-TOX-002	Does the company require third-party certified cleaning products in store operations?
	ENT-TOX-003	Does the company have a disinfecting/sanitizing policy? (For restrooms, cutting boards, dishwashing, etc.)
	ENT-TOX-004	Does the company require that "wet cleaning" or PERC-free dry cleaning be specified in store laundry contracts?
	ENT-TOX-005	Does the company require that "low" VOC (<50 grams/liter) or "no" VOC paint products be used in stores?
	ENT-TOX-006	Does the company require the use of certified "green" pest contractors? (See <a href="http://www.greenshieldcertified.org">www.greenshieldcertified.org</a> or <a href="http://www.certifiedgreenpro.org">www.certifiedgreenpro.org</a> )
	ENT-TOX-007	Is it required that compactors be inspected regularly, including inspection of hydraulic lines for leaks?
	ENT-TOX-009	Does the company participate in the EPA's Safer Choice program?
	ENT-TOX-010	Is chromium-free and unbleached parchment paper used in all bakeries?
	ISO-BH-PW-008	Is hazardous waste stored and disposed of according to state guidelines?

	ISO-BH-PW-009	Does the store have an SOP on the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials?
	ISO-EX-TOX-001	Is the compactor inspected regularly, including hydraulic lines for leakage?
	ISO-EX-TOX-002	Are the compactor's hydraulic line connections sealed, without any leaks? If the store only has dumpsters, then answer yes.
	ISO-FP-TOX-001	Is chromium-free and unbleached parchment paper used in the bakery?
	ISO-OP-TOX-001	If the store has a pharmacy, does it work with a US Drug Enforcement Administration-authorized vendor to collect and safely dispose of expired medications?
	ISO-OP-TOX-002	Does the store use a certified "green" all-purpose/countertop cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-003	Does the store use a certified "green" bathroom cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-004	Does the store use a certified "green" degreaser?
	ISO-OP-TOX-005	Does the store use a certified "green" floor cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-006	Does the store use a certified "green" glass cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-007	Does the store follow disinfecting/sanitizing policies? (For restrooms, cutting boards, dishwashing, etc.)
	ISO-OP-TOX-008	Is "wet cleaning" or PERC-free dry cleaning specified in store laundry contracts?
	ISO-OP-TOX-009	Are "low" VOC (<50 grams/liter) or "no" VOC content paint products used in store?
ISO-OP-TOX-010	Are certified "green" pest contractors used? (See <a href="http://www.greenshieldcertified.org">www.greenshieldcertified.org</a> or <a href="http://www.certifiedgreenpro.org">www.certifiedgreenpro.org</a> )	

#### Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

By offering professional development opportunities to workers and educating them about their sustainability efforts, food retailers can help further Goal 4.

Sustainable Development Goal 4 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship	ENT-LAB-013	Does the company offer employees a stipend for external professional development opportunities?
4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable	ISO-BH-ENG-001	Is there information displayed for staff on what the business is doing to move towards more sustainable practices?
	ISO-OP-ENG-005	Does the store encourage associates to adopt sustainable work practices?
	ISO-OP-ENG-006	Does the store encourage associates to adopt sustainable lifestyle practices?

<b>lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development</b>	ISO-OP-ENG-007	Does the store maintain information for employees on what the company is doing to move towards more sustainable practices? (Information could be in the form of displays, brochures, videos, etc.)
	ISO-OP-ENG-008	Does the store maintain information for customers on what the company is doing to move towards more sustainable practices? (Information could be in the form of displays, brochures, videos, etc.)

### Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

The Sustainable Food Retail Certification Standard contains practices to promote gender equality and reduce discrimination in food retail businesses in line with Goal 5.

Sustainable Development Goal 5 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere</b>	ENT-LAB-004	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for women and other genders at least 95% that of men over the last two years?
	ENT-DEI-001	Does the company have a policy on diversity, equal opportunity, and nondiscrimination?
	ENT-DEI-002	Does the company monitor diversity and inclusion, including gender ratio, gender pay gap, and racial inclusion?
<b>5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life</b>	ENT-DEI-003	Does at least 50% of corporate management staff identify as women, trans, nonbinary, people of color, and/or people with disabilities?
	ENT-DEI-004	Does at least 50% of the governing board identify as women, trans, nonbinary, people of color, or people with disabilities?

### Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Practices to reduce pollution to waterways and increase water efficiency in food retail operations contribute to Goal 6.

Sustainable Development Goal 6 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally</b>	ENT-SM-001	Is it required that storm drain grate surfaces be cleared off at least monthly?
	ENT-SM-002	Is it required that stores clean out storm drains at least annually?
	ENT-SM-003	Is it required that parking lots be dry swept at least quarterly?
	ENT-SM-004	Is it required that non-coal-tar-based asphalt sealants be used in parking lots for sealing and repair?
	ENT-TOX-001	Are stores required to report on disposal of hazardous materials and waste? (E.g., leaking quarts of oil, leaking containers of pesticide, disinfectants, photo processing waste)

	ENT-TOX-007	Is it required that compactors be inspected regularly, including inspection of hydraulic lines for leaks?
	ISO-BH-PW-008	Is hazardous waste stored and disposed of according to state guidelines?
	ISO-BH-PW-009	Does the store have an SOP on the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials?
	ISO-EX-SM-001	Are storm drain grate surfaces cleared off at least monthly?
	ISO-EX-SM-002	Are storm drains cleaned out at least annually?
	ISO-EX-SM-003	Is the parking lot dry swept at least quarterly?
	ISO-EX-SM-004	Are non-coal-tar-based asphalt sealants used in the parking lot for sealing and repair?
	ISO-EX-TOX-001	Is the compactor inspected regularly, including hydraulic lines for leakage?
ISO-EX-TOX-002	Are the compactor's hydraulic line connections sealed, without any leaks? If the store only has dumpsters, then answer yes.	
<b>6.4 By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity</b>	ENT-WE-001	Does the company have a policy on water efficiency?
	ENT-WE-002	Does the company have stated water efficiency targets?
	ENT-WE-003	Does the company have defined pathways or active initiatives to achieve water efficiency targets?
	ENT-WE-006	Does the company publicly report on progress towards water efficiency targets?
	ISO-FP-WE-001	Does the butcher cutting area have a high-efficiency pressure washer (<4GPM; 1500–2000 PSI; can save 1–4 GPM)?
	ISO-FP-WE-002-1	How much ice is used for product displays? (E.g., for seafood, fresh juices, etc.)
	ISO-FP-WE-003	Are the vast majority of kitchen pre-rinse spray valves low flow (<1.06GPM)?
	ISO-FP-WE-004	Are the vast majority of kitchen handwashing faucets low-flow or equipped with low-flow aerators (<1.5GPM)?
	ISO-FP-WE-005	Are steamers connectionless?
	ISO-FP-WE-006	Do kitchen handwash faucets have foam soap?
	ISO-FP-WE-009	Are all departmental faucets sealed (not dripping or leaking)?
	ISO-RR-WE-001	Do the vast majority of restroom faucets have low-flow aerators (<1.5GPM)?
	ISO-RR-WE-003	Are the vast majority of toilets high efficiency (<1.28GPF)?
ISO-RR-WE-005	Are the vast majority of urinals efficient flushing or waterless?	

## Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

The Sustainable Food Retail Certification Standard has practices at the enterprise and store levels to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Sustainable Development Goal 7 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>7.2 By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix</b>	ENT-RE-001	Does the company have a public goal to purchase renewable energy?
	ENT-RE-002	Has the company budgeted for or invested in onsite renewable energy in its stores and facilities?
	ISO-OP-PW-002	Does this store divert food waste from landfills (for energy production)?
	ISO-EX-REN-001	Does the store have EV charging stations available in its parking lot?
	ISO-EX-REN-002	Does the store have a rooftop solar array?
<b>7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency</b>	ENT-EE-001	Does the company have clear and measurable targets for energy efficiency?
	ENT-EE-003	Do the vast majority of stores have efficient facility overhead lighting? (CFL, LED, or T-5 or T-8 fluorescent)
	ENT-EE-005	Is there a written operating procedure for a daily inspection of the air curtains on open refrigerated units to make sure they are kept clear of food, bib tags, or advertisements?
	ENT-EE-006	Is there a written operating procedure for weekly inspection of walk-in cooler and freezer doors?
	ENT-EE-007	Do the vast majority of store parking lots use LED lighting?
	ENT-EE-008	Does the company invest in energy efficiency?
	ENT-EE-012	Does the company publicly report on its progress toward energy efficiency targets?
	ISO-EW-EE-001	Are ceiling fans used in the entrance area to destratify air?
	ISO-EX-EE-001	Does the parking lot have LED lighting?
	ISO-EX-EE-002	Does store have outside vending machines?
	ISO-FP-EE-002	Do heated wrapping machines shut off within 15 minutes when not in use?
	ISO-FP-EE-003	Is the butcher cutting area sealed from store, or is there a night shade or air curtain for the butcher cutting area?
	ISO-FP-EE-004	Do kitchen hoods employ demand-controlled ventilation?
	ISO-FP-WE-002	Does the store use refrigerated or cold plates for seafood display (an iceless seafood display)?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-001	Are HVAC filters changed at least three times per year?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-002	Is preventative maintenance (checklists, etc.) specified in company contracts or procedures for HVAC systems?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-004	Are variable speed/frequency drives installed on motors? (Not running motors at full speed all the time)
	ISO-HVAC-EE-005	Are high-efficiency air conditioning units installed? (SEER of $\geq 15$ or EER of $\geq 13$ )
	ISO-HVAC-EE-006	Are there electronically commutated motors (ECMs) on all HVAC units?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-007	Does the unit have economizers?

	ISO-HVAC-EE-007a	If yes, are the economizers complete? (Damper motor, damper arm, and damper itself all present)
	ISO-HVAC-EE-008	What type of control does the economizer have?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-009	What type of thermostat?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-010	Is the evaporator coil clean? (This affects efficiency and AQ)
	ISO-HVAC-EE-011	Does the building employ an energy management system for HVAC or individual thermostats?
	ISO-OFF-EE-001	Do offices have occupancy sensors to control lighting?
	ISO-RB-EE-001	Is the receiving bay well sealed (no leaks)?
	ISO-RB-EE-003	Is the truck bay inspected at least twice per week to ensure no litter is in the area?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-000	Is there an energy management system (EMS) for refrigeration?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-002-1	Are walk-in freezers sealed and without leaks?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-005	Do walk-in freezers have door alarms that are triggered in-store when left open? (E.g., lights or noise)
	ISO-REFBH-EE-006	Do the walk-in freezers have fans that auto shut off? How many walk ins have auto shut-off fans?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-007	Are walk-in cooler evaporator fans ECM?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-008	Are walk-in freezer evaporator fans ECM?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-014	Is there a refrigeration heat recovery system to heat water?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-014-1	Is there a refrigeration heat recovery system to heat air?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-018-1	Are variable frequency drives (VFD) installed on condenser(s)?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-018-2	Are variable frequency drives (VFD) installed on lead compressor(s)?
	ISO-REFBH-EE-019	Is there a written operating procedure for weekly inspection of walk-in cooler and freezer doors?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-001	Is there an SOP to maintain return air vents/grilles for open display cases free of obstructions at least twice per day?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-005-3	Are there pull-down night curtains on display coolers?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-005-5	Is there an SOP for pulling night curtains each night?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-006	Do the vast majority of open multi-deck case canopies have LED lighting?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-007-1	Do the vast majority of medium temp (refrigerated) cases in the dairy department have doors?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-007-2	Do the vast majority of medium temp (refrigerated) cases in the store (other than dairy) have doors?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-009	Do the vast majority of medium temp (refrigerated) case doors have LED lamps?

	ISO-REFSF-EE-012	Do the vast majority of low temp (freezer) cases have doors?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-013	Do the vast majority of low temp (freezer) doors have LED lamps?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-017	Is low temp (freezer) case lighting equipped with motion sensors?
	ISO-REFSF-EE-020	Do the coffin freezers have sliding lids or night shades?
	ISO-RR-EE-001	Do restrooms have occupancy sensors for lighting?
	ISO-SF-EE-000	Is there an energy management system (EMS) for lighting?
	ISO-SF-EE-001	Are destratification fans on the ceiling in the store?
	ISO-SF-EE-002	Type of overhead linear lamps on sales floor
	ISO-SF-EE-002-1	Type of overhead spot lamps on sales floor
	ISO-SF-EE-003	Are there daylight sensors on general overhead lighting?

### Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Food retailers can implement practices to promote decent work and safe workplaces for all in their operations and supply chains.

Sustainable Development Goal 8 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value</b>	ENT-DEI-007	Does the company have a policy in place to ensure greater supplier diversity?
	ENT-DEI-001	Does the company have a policy on diversity, equal opportunity, and nondiscrimination?
	ENT-DEI-002	Does the company monitor diversity and inclusion, including gender ratio, gender pay gap, and racial inclusion?
	ENT-DEI-003	Does at least 50% of corporate management staff identify as women, trans, nonbinary, people of color, and/or people with disabilities?
	ENT-DEI-008	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for employees of color at least 95% that of white employees over the last two years?
	ENT-LAB-003	Do all hourly employees earn a federally-defined living wage (defined in 2019 as >\$16.54/hour) or state-defined living wage if it is higher?
	ENT-LAB-004	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for women and other genders at least 95% that of men over the last two years?
<b>8.7 Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms</b>	ENT-SC-012	Has the company done a human rights assessment of its suppliers in the last three years?

<b>8.8 Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment</b>	ENT-LAB-009	Is more than half of the company workforce covered under collective bargaining agreements?
	ENT-LAB-010	Is there a whistleblower policy or a system for employees to submit anonymous feedback?
	ENT-OHS-001	Does the company have a policy on employee occupational health and safety?
	ENT-OHS-002	Does the company have a policy to ensure the health and safety of contractors and tenants that includes COVID-19 safety procedures?
	ENT-OHS-003	Does the company have an occupational health & safety management system that has documented procedures for hazard identification, risk assessment, and incident investigation?

### Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Investing in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and local suppliers can help progress toward Goal 9.

Sustainable Development Goal 9 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
9.3 Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets	ISO-SF-SMP-003	Does the store visually highlight locally-grown or produced products (raised or processed within 250 miles) on shelves?
9.4 By 2030, upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, with all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities	ENT-EE-008	Does the company invest in energy efficiency?
	ENT-RE-002	Has the company budgeted for or invested in onsite renewable energy in its stores and facilities?

### Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Implementing practices to reduce inequality and promote equity align with Goal 10.

Sustainable Development Goal 10 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
10.1 By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average	ENT-DEI-008	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for employees of color at least 95% that of white employees over the last two years?
	ENT-LAB-003	Do all hourly employees earn a federally-defined living wage (defined in 2019 as >\$16.54/hour) or state-defined living wage if it is higher?

	ENT-LAB-004	Is the company's average salary and remuneration for women and other genders at least 95% that of men over the last two years?
	ENT-LAB-013	Does the company offer employees a stipend for external professional development opportunities?
<b>10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status</b>	ENT-DEI-001	Does the company have a policy on diversity, equal opportunity, and nondiscrimination?
	ENT-DEI-002	Does the company monitor diversity and inclusion, including gender ratio, gender pay gap, and racial inclusion?
	ENT-DEI-003	Does at least 50% of corporate management staff identify as women, trans, nonbinary, people of color, and/or people with disabilities?
	ENT-DEI-004	Does at least 50% of the governing board identify as women, trans, nonbinary, people of color, or people with disabilities?
	ENT-DEI-007	Does the company have a policy in place to ensure greater supplier diversity?

### Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Converting to low-GWP and natural refrigerants, reducing waste, improving water and energy efficiency, and converting to low-emission freight vehicles all contribute to more resilient and sustainable places to live.

Sustainable Development Goal 11 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage</b>	ENT-DEI-007	Does the company have a policy in place to ensure greater supplier diversity?
<b>11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management</b>	ENT-EE-001	Does the company have clear and measurable targets for energy efficiency?
	ENT-EE-008	Does the company invest in energy efficiency?
	ENT-EE-012	Does the company publicly report on its progress toward energy efficiency targets?
	ENT-RE-001	Does the company have a public goal to purchase renewable energy?
	ENT-RE-002	Has the company budgeted for or invested in onsite renewable energy in its stores and facilities?
	ENT-REFS-001	Does the company participate in EPA's GreenChill program to manage refrigeration chemicals? (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/greenchill">www.epa.gov/greenchill</a> )
	ENT-REFS-002	Has the company eliminated the use of all ozone-depleting substances (HCFCs) in its operations?
	ENT-REFS-004	Has the company made a public commitment to eliminate the use of high-GWP HFCs in its operations?
	ENT-REFS-005	Does the company have a plan to eliminate the use of HFCs in its operations?
ENT-REFS-006	Are new refrigeration systems installed only with natural refrigerants?	

	ENT-WE-001	Does the company have a policy on water efficiency?
	ENT-WE-002	Does the company have stated water efficiency targets?
	ENT-WE-003	Does the company have defined pathways or active initiatives to achieve water efficiency targets?
	ENT-WE-006	Does the company publicly report on progress towards water efficiency targets?
	ENT-PW-001	Does the company have a policy on waste reduction or zero waste?
	ENT-PW-002	Does the company have a policy on food waste reduction?
	ENT-PW-003	Does the company have stated waste reduction targets?
	ENT-PW-004	Does the company publicly report against waste reduction targets?
	ENT-PW-005	Has there been an audit on waste practices performed in past three years?
	ENT-PW-007	Does the company partner with EPA WasteWise?
	ENT-PW-008	Does the company put recycling instructions on own-brand (white label) packaging? (E.g., How2Recycle)
	ENT-PW-009	Does the company have a goal to increase recycled content in packaging?
	ENT-PW-010	Does the company have a goal for reducing plastic packaging?
	ENT-PW-011	Does the company have a goal for introducing reusable or refillable packaging opportunities (beyond reusable bags)?
	ENT-PW-013	Does the company have a public commitment to eliminate all sale of products using polystyrene packaging?
	ENT-PW-014	Has the company eliminated polystyrene (for example, Styrofoam) from made-in-house and white label packaging?
	ENT-TR-001	Is there an initiative to convert part or all of the company's fleet to low-emission motors, like electric or hydrogen?
	ENT-TR-002	Does the company utilize EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership or other route optimization software? (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/smartway">www.epa.gov/otaq/smartway</a> )
	ENT-TR-004	Is the company converting to electrified transportation refrigeration units (eTRU)?

## Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Food retailers can leverage their incredible buying power to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Sustainable Development Goal 12 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
	ENT-EE-001	Does the company have clear and measurable targets for energy efficiency?

<b>12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources</b>	ENT-EE-003	Do the vast majority of stores have efficient facility overhead lighting? (CFL, LED, or T-5 or T-8 fluorescent)
	ENT-EE-005	Is there a written operating procedure for a daily inspection of the air curtains on open refrigerated units to make sure they are kept clear of food, bib tags, or advertisements?
	ENT-EE-006	Is there a written operating procedure for weekly inspection of walk-in cooler and freezer doors?
	ENT-EE-007	Do the vast majority of store parking lots use LED lighting?
	ENT-EE-008	Does the company invest in energy efficiency?
	ENT-SC-001	Does the company have a policy on sustainable sourcing/procurement?
	ENT-SC-006-1	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for palm oil?
	ENT-SC-006-2	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for seafood?
	ENT-SC-006-3	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for meat products?
	ENT-SC-006-4	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for eggs?
	ENT-SC-006-5	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for sugar, soy, or rice?
	ENT-SC-006-6	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for paper products?
	ENT-SC-006-7	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for beauty products?
	ENT-SC-011	Do the corporate offices use paper with a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content?
	ENT-SS-010	Is there a policy to purchase environmentally preferable EPEAT (silver to gold level) computers?
	ENT-TR-001	Is there an initiative to convert part or all of the company's fleet to low-emission motors, like electric or hydrogen?
	ENT-TR-002	Does the company utilize EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership or other route optimization software? (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/smartway">www.epa.gov/otaq/smartway</a> )
	ENT-TR-004	Is the company converting to electrified transportation refrigeration units (eTRU)?
	ENT-WE-001	Does the company have a policy on water efficiency?
	ENT-WE-002	Does the company have stated water efficiency targets?
ENT-WE-003	Does the company have defined pathways or active initiatives to achieve water efficiency targets?	
<b>12.3 By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail</b>	ENT-PW-002	Does the company have a policy on food waste reduction?

<b>and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses</b>	ISO-OP-PW-001	Does the store donate food to food banks?
	ISO-OP-PW-002	Does this store divert food waste from landfills?
	ISO-OP-PW-006	Does the store have a food waste prevention SOP that employees are required to abide by?
<b>12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment</b>	ENT-REFS-001	Does the company participate in EPA's GreenChill Program to manage refrigeration chemicals? (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/otaq/smartway">www.epa.gov/otaq/smartway</a> )
	ENT-REFS-002	Has the company eliminated the use of all ozone-depleting substances (HCFCs) in its operations?
	ENT-REFS-004	Has the company made a public commitment to eliminate the use of high-GWP HFCs in its operations?
	ENT-REFS-005	Does the company have a plan to eliminate the use of HFCs in its operations?
	ENT-REFS-006	Are new refrigeration systems installed only with natural refrigerants?
	ENT-SM-001	Is it required that storm drain grate surfaces be cleared off at least monthly?
	ENT-SM-002	Is it required that stores clean out storm drains at least annually?
	ENT-SM-003	Is it required that parking lots be dry swept at least quarterly?
	ENT-SM-004	Is it required that non-coal-tar-based asphalt sealants be used in parking lots for sealing and repair?
	ENT-TOX-001	Are stores required to report on disposal of hazardous materials and waste? (E.g., leaking quarts of oil, leaking containers of pesticide, disinfectants, photo processing waste)
	ENT-TOX-002	Does the company require third-party certified cleaning products in store operations?
	ENT-TOX-003	Does the company have a disinfecting/sanitizing policy? (For restrooms, cutting boards, dishwashing, etc.)
	ENT-TOX-004	Does the company require that "wet cleaning" or PERC-free dry cleaning be specified in store laundry contracts?
	ENT-TOX-005	Does the company require that "low" VOC (<50 grams/liter) or "no" VOC content paint products be used in stores?
	ENT-TOX-006	Does the company require the use of certified "green" pest contractors? (See <a href="http://www.greenshieldcertified.org">www.greenshieldcertified.org</a> or <a href="http://www.certifiedgreenpro.org">www.certifiedgreenpro.org</a> )
	ENT-TOX-007	Is it required that compactors be inspected regularly, including inspection of hydraulic lines for leaks?
	ENT-TOX-009	Does the company participate in the EPA's Safer Choice program?
	ENT-TOX-010	Is chromium-free and unbleached parchment paper used in all bakeries?
	ISO-BH-PW-008	Is hazardous waste stored and disposed of according to state guidelines?
	ISO-BH-PW-009	Does the store have an SOP on the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials?
ISO-EX-SM-001	Are storm drain grate surfaces cleared off at least monthly?	

	ISO-EX-SM-002	Are storm drains cleaned out at least annually?
	ISO-EX-SM-003	Is the parking lot dry swept at least quarterly?
	ISO-EX-SM-004	Are non-coal-tar-based asphalt sealants used in the parking lot for sealing and repair?
	ISO-EX-TOX-001	Is the compactor inspected regularly, including hydraulic lines for leakage?
	ISO-EX-TOX-002	Are the compactor's hydraulic line connections sealed, without any leaks? If the store only has dumpsters, then answer yes.
	ISO-FP-TOX-001	Is chromium-free and unbleached parchment paper used in the bakery?
	ISO-HVAC-EE-012	Does the store use a low-GWP refrigerant (<1000 GWP) for HVAC?
	ISO-OP-TOX-001	If the store has a pharmacy, does it work with a US Drug Enforcement Administration-authorized vendor to collect and safely dispose of expired medications?
	ISO-OP-TOX-002	Does the store use a certified "green" all-purpose/countertop cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-003	Does the store use a certified "green" bathroom cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-004	Does the store use a certified "green" degreaser?
	ISO-OP-TOX-005	Does the store use a certified "green" floor cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-006	Does the store use a certified "green" glass cleaner?
	ISO-OP-TOX-007	Does the store follow disinfecting/sanitizing policies? (For restrooms, cutting boards, dishwashing, etc.)
	ISO-OP-TOX-008	Is "wet cleaning" or PERC-free dry cleaning specified in store laundry contracts?
	ISO-OP-TOX-009	Are "low" VOC (<50 grams/liter) or "no" VOC content paint products used in store?
	ISO-OP-TOX-010	Are certified "green" pest contractors used? (See <a href="http://www.greenshieldcertified.org">www.greenshieldcertified.org</a> or <a href="http://www.certifiedgreenpro.org">www.certifiedgreenpro.org</a> )
	ISO-REFBH-REFS-015-3	Refrigerant leak monitoring system installed
	ISO-REFBH-REFS-015-4	Does the store have only ultra-low-GWP refrigerants in refrigeration (<150GWP)?
	ISO-REFBH-REFS-020	Does the store have an EPA GreenChill Award? (See <a href="http://www.epa.gov/greenchill">www.epa.gov/greenchill</a> )
	ISO-REFBH-REFS-021	Does the store have an EPA GreenChill Award (if applicable) displayed?
<b>12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse</b>	ENT-PW-001	Does the company have a policy on waste reduction or zero waste?
	ENT-PW-002	Does the company have a policy on food waste reduction?
	ENT-PW-003	Does the company have stated waste reduction targets?
	ENT-PW-004	Does the company publicly report against waste reduction targets?
	ENT-PW-005	Has there been an audit on waste practices performed in past three years?
	ENT-PW-007	Does the company partner with EPA WasteWise?

	ENT-PW-008	Does the company put recycling instructions on own-brand (white label) packaging? (E.g., How2Recycle)
	ENT-PW-009	Does the company have a goal to increase recycled content in packaging?
	ENT-PW-010	Does the company have a goal for reducing plastic packaging?
	ENT-PW-011	Does the company have a goal for introducing reusable or refillable packaging opportunities (beyond reusable bags)?
	ISO-BH-PW-001	Is there a lock on the compactor chute to ensure recyclables are not thrown out?
	ISO-BH-PW-003	Is the waste hauler for the compactor or dumpster on will call? (Waste hauling company is notified for pick-up when compactor or dumpster capacity reaches a set threshold.)
	ISO-BH-PW-003a	Estimated days between pulls (if on a will-call system).
	ISO-BH-PW-004	Does the store recycle cardboard?
	ISO-BH-PW-004-1	Does the store recycle plastic shrink (film plastic)?
	ISO-BH-PW-004-2	Does the store recycle other waste streams? Select all that apply.
	ISO-BH-PW-005	Are recycling signs visible for associates in back room and posted near their receptacles? Check all that apply.
	ISO-BH-PW-006	Is there a written SOP to ensure conformance for on-site storage and shipment of universal waste?
	ISO-BH-PW-007	Is universal waste (spent fluorescent tubes, computer monitors, or televisions) stored in compressor room or in a locked room?
	ISO-BH-PW-010	Is there recycling in the break room?
	ISO-BH-PW-011	Is there composting in the break room?
	ISO-EW-PW-001	Are there recycling bins for customers in the entrance area to recycle plastic bags and film plastic?
	ISO-EW-PW-002	Are there incentives for customers to bring their own shopping bags? (E.g., discounts on purchases, entries into prize drawings)
	ISO-EX-PW-001	Are there signs in the parking lot to remind shoppers to use reusable bags?
	ISO-EX-PW-002	Is the compactor/dumpster area inspected at least twice per week to ensure no litter is in the area?
	ISO-EX-PW-003	Does the compactor/dumpster have rain guards to prevent rainwater from getting inside the compactor/dumpster?
	ISO-FP-PW-001	Has polystyrene (Styrofoam) been eliminated from made-in-house product packaging?
	ISO-FP-PW-002	How is waste vegetable oil and grease collected?
	ISO-OFF-PW-002	Are inkjet cartridges recycled?
<b>12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and</b>	ENT-CSR-001	Has the company made a public commitment to sustainability, CSR, or ESG?
	ENT-CSR-002	Has the company gone through a sustainability goal-setting process?

<b>to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle</b>	ENT-CSR-003	Has the company identified a senior executive accountable for the company's sustainability program?
	ENT-CSR-004	Does the company include CSR or sustainability objectives in annual personnel performance targets?
	ENT-CSR-005	Does the company offer compensation incentives for reaching sustainability goals or targets?
	ENT-CSR-006	Has the company formed a committee or taskforce for its sustainability program?
	ENT-CSR-007	Has the company in the past reported or disclosed its sustainability program activities and performance?
	ENT-CSR-008	Does the report have written executive sponsorship?
	ENT-CSR-009	Has the company undergone a social compliance audit in the last three years? If so, state level of audit.
	ENT-GHG-002	Does the company have publicly-available targets related to GHG reduction?
	ENT-GHG-002-1	Does the company have 2030 GHG reduction targets?
	ENT-GHG-009	Does the company require suppliers to have GHG reduction targets?
	ENT-GHG-010	Does the company publicly report on its progress toward GHG emissions reduction targets?
	ENT-EE-012	Does the company publicly report on its progress toward energy efficiency targets?
	ENT-WE-006	Does the company publicly report on progress towards water efficiency targets?
<b>12.8 By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature</b>	ISO-BH-ENG-001	Is there information displayed for staff on what the business is doing to move towards more sustainable practices?
	ISO-OP-ENG-005	Does the store encourage associates to adopt sustainable work practices?
	ISO-OP-ENG-006	Does the store encourage associates to adopt sustainable lifestyle practices?
	ISO-OP-ENG-008	Does the store maintain information for customers on what the company is doing to move towards more sustainable practices? (Information could be in the form of displays, brochures, videos, etc.)

### Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Food retailers can commit to reducing GHG emissions in their operations and supply chains.

Sustainable Development Goal 13 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries</b>	ENT-GHG-002	Does the company have publicly available targets related to GHG reduction?
	ENT-GHG-002-1	Does the company have 2030 GHG reduction targets?
	ENT-GHG-009	Does the company require suppliers to have GHG reduction targets?

<b>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</b>	ENT-GHG-010	Does the company publicly report on its progress toward GHG emissions reduction targets?
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### Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Preventing pollutants from reaching oceans through storm drains and implementing sustainable seafood procurement practices contribute to Goal 14.

Sustainable Development Goal 14 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>14.1 By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution</b>	ENT-SM-001	Is it required that storm drain grate surfaces be cleared off at least monthly?
	ENT-SM-002	Is it required that stores clean out storm drains at least annually?
	ENT-SM-003	Is it required that parking lots be dry swept at least quarterly?
	ENT-SM-004	Is it required that non-coal-tar-based asphalt sealants be used in parking lots for sealing and repair?
<b>14.4 By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics</b>	ENT-SC-006-2	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for seafood?

### Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Sustainable procurement policies and programs can help protect all kinds of ecosystems.

Sustainable Development Goal 15 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements</b>	ENT-SC-001	Does the company have a policy on sustainable sourcing/procurement?
	ENT-SC-006-1	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for palm oil?

<p><b>15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally</b></p> <p><b>15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world</b></p> <p><b>15.4 By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development</b></p> <p><b>15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species</b></p>	ENT-SC-006-2	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for seafood?
	ENT-SC-006-3	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for meat products?
	ENT-SC-006-4	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for eggs?
	ENT-SC-006-5	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for sugar, soy, or rice?
	ENT-SC-006-6	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for paper products?
	ENT-SC-006-7	Does the company participate in established programs or certifications, or have procurement policies or standards for beauty products?
	ENT-SC-011	Do the corporate offices use paper with a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content?
	ENT-SS-010	Is there a policy to purchase environmentally preferable EPEAT (silver to gold level) computers?

### Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

The majority of the ten targets associated with Goal 16 involve building institutions, policies, and laws to build peaceful and inclusive societies. However, food retailers can contribute to Target 16.2 by assessing their supply chains for human rights risks and working to mitigate those risks.

Sustainable Development Goal 16 Target	SFRC Practice Number	SFRT Practice
<b>16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children</b>	ENT-SC-012	Has the company done a human rights assessment of its suppliers in the last three years?

### Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

The Sustainable Food Retail Certification Standard does not contain practices directly aligned with the 19 targets associated with Goal 17. That said, the Standard itself is designed to bolster the global partnership for sustainable development, and food retail businesses can partner with government agencies to promote the partnership.

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