

GCP – BCC BASIC CODE OF CONDUCT OF COPISA GROUP

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I. PREMISES OF THE CODE.

1. Commitment COPISA GROUP.

The purpose of this **Code of Conduct** is to **ensure the commitment of all the companies belonging to COPISA GROUP to the Law and the ethical values** that are here proclaimed as an expression of their business culture and social engagement. This commitment is comparable to the essential aims of COPISA GROUP, such as sales, the quality warranty and the control of costs.

With this, COPISA GROUP refuses any irregular, illicit or criminal behavior carried out for the supposed benefit of the company and commits **to that effect to prevent them, by maintaining due care required under article 31 bis of the Criminal Code.**

2. Scope and Receivers.

The Code of Conduct is legally binding to all the people working in the companies of COPISA GROUP, and specially their directors and managers. Any person joining the COPISA GROUP must know and specifically accept the ethical principles included in it. COPISA GROUP will deliver specific information about its contents and the enforceability of accomplishing it.

Preventing irregular, illicit or criminal behavior affects each performance of the company and all the hierarchical levels of it. Prevention must be organized from top to bottom, by means of a hierarchical scale of responsibilities within the chain of command in the company.

Manifestly illegal indications or instructions from a manager or director must not be followed. Questions about the legality of these instructions must be raised to the **Prevention Committee.**

This **Code must be applied to all the activities of those legal entities controlled by GRUPO EMPRESARIAL COPISA, S.L. (COPISA BUSINESS GROUP),** which can claim for the **contractors or people professionally serving the companies of COPISA GROUP**

to join the values and principles of this Code. In this case, the violation of the Code can be equal to the violation of a contractual obligation. Independently from its place of performance, people working in the companies of COPISA GROUP must be respectful regarding the human rights, the current legislative provisions **and the dispositions included in this Code.**

3. Binding Character.

This Code is not just a declaration of good intents. It is legally binding with regard to, besides the legal consequences that can carry the infraction of its dispositions, this infraction **will be disciplinary sanctioned.**

4. Zero Tolerance Regarding Criminal Behavior.

COPISA GROUP has a **zero tolerance** regarding possible criminal acts that might be committed within it. Any relevant indication of crime will be investigated and, if it is possible to confirm that it was actually committed, will be effectively punished. COPISA GROUP refuses any attempt to obtain profit or business objectives by means of illicit ways.

5. Basic Character.

COPISA GROUP Code of Conduct is the core of the internal regulation regarding social values and the accomplishment of legacy and prevention of its infractions according, where appropriate, specific protocols of prevention. Any question in the interpretation and application of this regulation must be solved in the sense of the values and principles of the Code.

6. Means.

A **Prevention Committee** is created in order to ensure compliance of this Code, by fostering and coordinating the activities of prevention.

The Prevention Committee is in charge of the interpretation of this Code, its spread and promoting training plans for preventing the infraction of it.

II. ETHICAL PRINCIPLES.

1. *Dignity of People in their Working Site.*

All the people working in the companies of COPISA GROUP must be respectfully treated, maintaining a positive working environment. This must be mindfully watched by the people responsible for the management, coordination or leadership.

Any offensive or intimidating behavior in the working relationships in the societies of COPISA GROUP is prohibited, specifically the abuse of authority. COPISA GROUP is firmly willing to prevent and punish where appropriate any offence against dignity, equality and sexual freedom of any worker or third person.

In particular, acts of sexual and psychological harassment are completely forbidden. In order to prevent them, COPISA GROUP has approved the Protocol for the prevention of psychological and sexual harassment in the workplace for the companies of Copisa Group.

2. *Safety at Work.*

The prevention of occupational hazards is one of the main aims of COPISA GROUP. Its politics of prevention are developed into the company performances and in every hierarchical level.

This politics of prevention are based in the following principles, amongst others:

- Knowledge, evaluation and information of the occupational hazards in the tasks and working sites of the activities that the societies of COPISA GROUP develop.
- The implementation of the most suitable equipment and auxiliary means for each task from a preventive point of view, and the necessary control above these.

- The monitoring of the suitable working procedures that allow or minimize the occupational hazards in the tasks, and the developing of a special control of the dangerous activities with preventive resources.
- The correct information, formation and participation of the workers.

3. *Workers' Rights.*

COPISA GROUP will not employ minors, will not force labor and will not impose working conditions that violate the current laws of the country in which the activity is developed or the basic obligations referred to in the international treaties. COPISA GROUP will neither contract companies that violate these obligations, nor will buy their products or services¹.

All the people working in the companies of COPISA GROUP have the right to strike and free association. The Direction will facilitate the conditions to exercise this end, according to the terms reflected in the regulation.

4. *Privacy and Personal Data.*

COPISA GROUP supplies the security measures demanded by the laws about data protection. Every director and employee must be aware that:

- can access exclusively to the data and resources needed to the development of their tasks; no director or employee can access to the data of a file without a previous authorization;
- personal data can be only collected and stored for the period and to the extent necessary for a legal end; they can only be used attending to the appropriate purpose;
- personal data can only be communicated to a third person for purposes according to the activity of the company, and the interested party's consent is always necessary.

The informatics resources that COPISA GROUP supplies to its managers, directors and employees, included the corporate email accounts, are exclusively for professional use and are not intended to keep the privacy of the users. Therefore, privacy before the productive and organization necessities of COPISA GROUP is not expected.

5. *Environment.*

A basic principle of the activity in COPISA GROUP is the respect for the environment. Its politics of prevention of environmental damage is therefore developed within the activities of the Company and in every hierarchical level.

6. *Free Market Competition.*

COPISA GROUP refuses any agreement or activities with companies that restrict the free market competition.

Actions that may manipulate the results of a call for tenders by Administration are forbidden:

- by means of agreements with other tenderers, or bribery to avoid their submission to a bid;
- by means of corruption of public officials – either national or international – in order to receive relevant data or to be awarded a tender;
- or by any other means.

In relation to the private business relations, it is forbidden to offer economic advantages to those people who purchase goods and services in other companies, with the purpose of favor the companies of COPISA GROUP by violate their duty for loyalty.

Even though when it is advantageous for COPISA GROUP, any director or employee is by no means authorized:

- To take hold by any means of the trade secrets of their competitors;
- To use illegally goods or objects protected under the industrial and intellectual property rights;
- To use computer software with no license;
- To use or to have installed in COPISA GROUP equipment programs intended for removing protection of software systems;
- To start false information or rumors about the quality of the products and services of its competitors.

7. Public Finances.

The companies of COPISA GROUP undertake to comply with their tax and national insurance obligations. For that reason, all their declarations before the Tax Agency shall contain all the activities with tax repercussions. COPISA GROUP has a proper verification procedure which guarantees the veracity of the tax and accounting information and a transparent behavior toward the Administration.

COPISA GROUP undertakes to veracity in the applications for public grants, and to use it for the proper purposes.

8. Public Administration.

It is forbidden to induce Spanish or foreign public officials to violate their duties of impartiality or any legal rule.

This obligation results in prohibiting:

- To offer to any public official advantages in order to favor the companies of COPISA GROUP by means of violation of his or her duties;
- To make an abusive use of personal relationships with public officials or their relatives, or with members of political parties, in order to influence in the undertaking of decisions that may favor the company.

Any provision of services or supply to public officials, or to their relatives, than can affect the company will be communicated to the Prevention Committee to prove its congruence and equity, and to avoid the covering of an illicit advantage.

Donations to political parties and affiliate institutions must be authorized by the Administrative Board, and communicated to the Prevention Committee.

COPISA GROUP will not use consultants, intermediaries or business partners that illicitly pay Spanish or foreign public officials.

Regardless its right to legitimately exercise its defense, COPISA GROUP will collaborate with the administrative authorities during their inspections or verifications.

9. *Prevention of Money Laundering.*

Companies of COPISA GROUP will ensure that no irregular payments or money laundering derived from illicit or criminal activities are carried out during their activities. With that end, unusual economical operations will be especially watched avoiding, as a general rule, or especially controlling transactions involving cash payment, cash checks or moved into bank accounts in tax havens.

Unknown natural or legal persons with whom relevant commercial relations are going to be established will be diligently watched to prove their professional honesty, in order to avoid money laundering operations.

III. COMPANY PROTECTION

1. *Conflict of Interests.*

All the directors and employees of COPISA GROUP must act in the best interest of the company in every decision or commercial operation, and not for personal gain.

For that reason, they will avoid any operation or decision when it implies conflict of interest.

In these situations they must communicate it to the **Prevention Committee**. No action will be carried out unless they have an express authorization for that.

In order to avoid conflicts of interests, the following behaviors and activities on behalf of the employees and directors of the companies of COPISA GROUPS are forbidden:

- To provide paid services out of the company, but with the previous authorization of the Personnel Department of COPISA GROUP;
- To self-contract or contract relatives or companies in which there are some interest, but with the previous authorization of the Management of the corresponding Department;
- To accept directly or indirectly money or economic advantages from clients, suppliers or competitors with the purpose to favor them in an operation or business;
- To accept gifts or invitations from clients, suppliers or competitors that overcome the social standards of politeness.

2. Use of Hardware and Software Systems.

The hardware and software and communication systems that the companies of COPISA GROUP provide to their workers must be **exclusively used** for the development of their tasks. The messages contained in the computer servers of COPISA GROUP and the contained information are of his property.

The software systems that COPISA GROUP provides to their workers are not suitable means for the execution of private activities and communications of the directors and employees. COPISA GROUP does not guarantee the opacity of such systems before productive reasons or internal investigations.

3. Financial Control of Cash Payments and Transactions Consistency.

In order to eliminate illicit payments in the activities of COPISA GROUP or detractions in its assets, any transaction carried out in the companies of the group:

- Must be related to the social end or with an activity included in the activities of social responsibility of the firm;
- Must be dully authorized;

- Must be dully documented and registered, and there must exist a complete coincidence between the stated transaction and the real purpose;
- There must exist a reasonable proportion between the disbursed amount and the received service or product.

Extraordinary payments or those payments not included in the agreements or corresponding contracts will be especially watched.

4. Protection of Commercial and Industrial Secrecy.

The directors and employees of the societies of COPISA GROUP have the duty to keep the confidentiality of the information related to their services or that concerning commercial activity and business strategy. In some cases, when it is established in their employment or service contract, this confidentiality duty will prevail once the contract is finished.

IV. COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND SANCTIONS.

1. Communication Channel.

There is established a communication channel concerning the watching and interpretation of this Code, dependent from the Prevention Committee, by means of this email:

compliance@grupocopisa.net

2. Complaints.

To communicate violations of this Code is a deed of social and business responsibility.

The Prevention Committee is the body in charge to receive and handle these complaints.

The confidentiality of the complaint and the indemnity of the whistleblowers is in any case guaranteed.

The Committee will ensure the respect to the intimacy and the presumption of innocence of the denounced person.

When there exists a denunciation in bad faith the complainant will be disciplinary punished, independently the criminal and civil responsibilities that may derive.

3. Disciplinary Sanctions.

The violation or non-compliance of this Code, particularly the commission of a criminal activity in the business activities of the companies of COPISA GROUP is a fault that will be punished according to the current laws and the applicable Collective Agreements.

Disciplinary sanctions will be imposed according to the principles of proportionality and guilty, by means of a procedure in which the offender may use efficiently his/her defense rights.

4. Internal Investigations.

The Prevention Committee will be able to decide if internal investigation is necessary and, in case, to commission it to an internal or external body.

In all the internal investigations the right to privacy, to defense and presumption of innocence are guaranteed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all the people working in the companies of COPISA GROUP are obliged to collaborate in the internal investigations.

Any accused employee, director, manager or representative in a criminal procedure must immediately communicate that to the Coordinator of the Prevention Committee.

He/she must also communicate the initiation of any administrative proceeding by public administration or supervising bodies of COPISA GROUP in which they are responsible or witness.

IV. FINAL DISPOSITION: MODIFICATION AND REVIEW OF THIS CODE

The approval and revision of this Code is responsibility of the Administrative Board of COPISA BUSINESS GROUP, according to the modification recommendations provided by the Prevention Committee.

For the conformation and writing of this Code has received the juridical assessment of González Franco Corporate Defense.

I declare i have read and understood the contents of this document

Name and Surname:

DNI:

Date:

The person signing hereinabove declares he does not incur in any situation of incompatibility or conflict of interest, which prevents him from developing the activities concerning his job position, considering him totally free of any criminal charges.

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