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Materiality

"Material information" is defined by the Supreme Court as information presenting a substantial likelihood that the disclosure of the omitted fact would have been viewed by the reasonable investor as having significantly altered the "total mix" of information made available.

The Supreme Court's Definition of Materiality

SASB Standards

Guidance & Metrics



Company determines topics that contain material information



Guided by SASB standards but based on company-specific operations

Company discloses material information using SASB standards





Universe of Sustainability Issues

- Climate change risks
- Environmental accidents and remediation
 - Water use and management
 - **Energy management**
 - Fuel management and transportation
 - GHG emissions and air pollution
 - Waste management and effluents
 - Biodiversity impacts
- Communications and engagement
 - Community development
 - Impact from facilities
 - Customer satisfaction
 - Customer health and safety
 - Disclosure and labeling
 - Marketing and ethical advertising
 - Access to services
 - Customer privacy
 - New markets
- Diversity and equal opportunity
 - Training and development
 - Recruitment and retention
 - Compensation and benefits
 - Labor relations and union practices
 - Employee health, safety and wellness
 - Child and forced labor



- Long term viability of core business
- Accounting for externalities
- Research, development and innovation
- Product societal value
- Product life cycle use impact
- Packaging
- Product pricing
- Product quality and safety
- Regulatory and legal challenges
- Policies, standards, codes of conduct
- Business ethics and competitive behavior
- Shareholder engagement
- Board structure and independence
- Executive compensation
- Lobbying and political contributions
- Raw material demand
- Supply chain standards and selection
- Supply chain engagement & transparency



COMPLIANCE WEEK? POWERFUL INSIGHTS, PRACTICAL IDEAS, REAL SOLUTIONS

SASB's Standards Development Process





Research issues and

Evidence gathering

research and writing

Industry Brief

KPI











Industry research



- **Industry** working groups survey
- Review IWG feedback
- Delta Series Conference + Research dialogue



- Public note of issues
- Standards Council review on content and process
- **SEC Briefing**



- Public comment on standards' draft form
- Standards Council draft form and PCP review



Public release





Industry Briefs and Evidence



Issue / Metrics



Draft Standards



Standards Issued



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