Managing Sustainability Practices across Multi-Tier Supply Networks

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Sustainable supply chain management has been gaining increasing attention from both academicians and scholars during the last two decades. Several practices have been adopted to manage direct suppliers, such as codes of conduct and physical site audits (Liu et al., 2018; Koberg and Longoni, 2019; Sánchez-Flores et al., 2020). However, extending sustainability practices to lower-tier suppliers is much more complex (Sauer and Seuring, 2019; Fraser et al., 2020; Govindan et al., 2020), specifically in global and complex supply networks (Choi et al., 2001; Roy et al., 2018; Koberg & Longoni, 2019). Suppliers across lower tiers are less transparent and traceable (Mejías et al., 2019; Fraser et al., 2020), and violations usually originate from suppliers who are beyond the firm’s direct control (Govindan et al., 2020). Therefore, this Special Issue focuses on this gap. It seeks to understand the different governance mechanisms and practices adopted by leading firms to extend sustainability practices across lower-tier suppliers.
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