

# SPEAK UP POLICY



HEINEKEN



WHO CAN I TALK TO?



IS THIS FRAUD?

I SUSPECT MISUSE OF COMPANY ASSETS

I AM WORRIED THIS GIFT IS TOO EXPENSIVE

IF POSSIBLE, TALK TO THE PERSON INVOLVED



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HR REPRESENTATIVE, INTERNAL **AUDITOR OR LEGAL COUNSEL** TALK TO YOUR MANAGER,



YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT THE TRUSTED REPRESENTATIVE(S)
APPOINTED FOR YOU:

**MISCONDUCT?** 

CONCERNED ABOUT

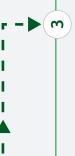


WE UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE MISCONDUCT BUT WE DO ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME FORWARD WITH ANY CONCERNS AND SPEAK UP!

APPROPRIATELY AND CONFIDENTIALLY. ANY CONCERN WILL BE DEALT WITH

I SUSPECT BRIBES ARE BEING PAID

DISCRIMINATED OR HARASSED



THE CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT





**BUSINESSCONDUCT@HEINEKEN.COM SEND AN EMAIL TO** 















# WHY THIS POLICY?

### Why is speaking up important?

Our Company is committed to conducting business with integrity and fairness, with respect for the law and our values. In spite of this commitment, you may one day observe conduct that seems to violate our Code of Business Conduct, the underlying policies or the law. If you observe or suspect such misconduct, you are encouraged to speak up. By doing so, you give our Company the opportunity to deal with the issue. Remaining silent about possible misconduct may worsen a situation and undermine trust.

Our Company truly values the help of employees who identify and Speak Up about potential concerns that need to be addressed. Speaking Up is encouraged and employees who Speak Up are protected. We do not tolerate any form of retaliation against you for Speaking up about suspected misconduct in good faith. After all: Speaking Up is essential for us to sustain our reputation, success and ability to operate – both now and in the future.

### What is the purpose of this Speak Up policy?

The purpose of this policy is to explain how you can raise concerns about suspected misconduct in confidence and without fear of retaliation. It also describes what you can expect from our Company if you speak up.

### Who can speak up?

This Speak Up policy is available to anyone who wishes to raise a concern about possible misconduct in relation to our Company.

### What concerns are covered by this Speak Up policy?

This Speak Up policy can be used to raise concerns about suspected misconduct in relation to our Company, that is: any violation of our Code of Business Conduct, its policies and/or the law.

Examples of concerns that can be raised using this Speak Up policy are:

- Fraud
- Human rights violations
- Discrimination or harassment
- Violations of competition laws and rules
- Money laundering or violations of sanction laws
- Inadequate financial or non-financial recordkeeping
- Bribery
- Conflicts of interest

- Environmental, health and safety issues
- Improper use of company resources
- Insider trading
- Disclosure of confidential information
- Violations of any of our (other) policies
- Retaliation against anyone for speaking up in good faith
- Other violations of applicable laws and regulations\*

#### Do not use this policy:

- To report events presenting an immediate threat to life or property. If you need emergency assistance, please contact your local authorities or call your country's emergency phone number.
- For any grievances you may have in relation to your terms of employment.
- To settle personal or legal disputes.
- To make accusations which you know are false. Doing so may lead to disciplinary measures.

<sup>\*</sup>Click here for examples of breaches of law that can be reported within the EU using Speak Up.



# **HOW AND WHEN TO SPEAK UP?**

### How to speak up?

Our Speak Up policy allows you to raise concerns about suspected misconduct through a variety of channels, both within your Operating Company ('OpCo') and at global level. If you suspect misconduct, you are encouraged to address this directly with the person involved. If this would not be appropriate or if you do not feel comfortable to do so, please feel free to raise your concerns through any of the Speak Up channels below:

# Your manager, People Function/HR representative, Process & Control Improvement (P&CI) or Legal function

As a general guideline, the first person to approach when raising a concern is your line manager. You may also choose to discuss your concern with your HR/People representative or with a colleague from the P&CI or Legal function who can mediate personally on your behalf. In principle, all concerns about misconduct will be registered in the central Speak Up case management system for further review and follow-up, unless you do not consent to that. If you do not consent to central registration and follow-up, please indicate so. In that case, your concern will be followed up locally without involvement at global level.

### Global Business Conduct

The Global Business Conduct team in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, assists the Integrity Committee in overseeing our company-wide efforts to ensure that we conduct business with integrity and fairness, with respect for the law and our values. You can report suspected misconduct to the Global Business Conduct team by email at "businessconduct@heineken.com" or send a letter to Global Business Conduct P.O. Box 28, 1000 AA Amsterdam, the Netherlands. You can also contact one of the members of the Global Business Conduct team directly.

### Speak Up Service: Online or by phone

If you suspect misconduct you may also use our external Speak Up Service (http://speakup.heineken.com) to raise concerns confidentially and in your own language. The Speak Up Service is run by an independent third party and is available 24/7, 365 days a year. There are two ways to submit a report through the Speak Up Service:



To file a concern online, please visit the Speak Up Service's website at http://speakup.heineken.com where you can fill in a form to submit your concern. You can also use your mobile phone to scan the Speak Up QR Code. This will lead you to the Speak Up Service's website, where you can fill in a form to submit your concern.



To raise your concern by phone, please call the Integrity Line in your country (free of charge). The Integrity Line is operated by a third party. Please check <a href="http://speakup.heineken.com">http://speakup.heineken.com</a> for the phone number and further instructions.

After you complete your report (online or by phone), you will receive a unique code called a "report key." You can use this key to call back or access the website (http://speakup.heineken.com) to review your Speak Up report. If you raised a concern by phone, you can also use the report key to review – and, where needed, correct – the minutes of the conversation. When you login with the report key, you can check the progress of your report, see whether the person dealing with your report has feedback or further questions for you, and you can also provide additional information.



Your report key is particularly important if you choose to remain anonymous, as we can only contact you through the website in that case. All reports received via the Speak Up Service are registered in the HEINEKEN Speak Up case management system and thus routed back to our Company for further handling. You will receive an update on the status of your report within 3 months.

### What about "external whistleblowing"?

We strongly encourage you to raise concerns internally through one of the available Speak Up channels. Taking a concern to an outside party (such as the media or authorities) can have serious implications for our Company, for the persons involved and possibly also for yourself. By Speaking Up internally, you give our Company the chance to look into the matter and take action if needed. In this way, we can truly improve our Company together. That said, you may also choose to report any concerns directly to the competent authorities in the EU, particularly about violations of EU laws.

### What kind of information do you need to provide?

When you file a report (in person, in writing, online or by phone), please provide as much detailed information as you can to enable our Company to assess and investigate your concern, such as:

- The background, history and reason for the concern
- O Names, dates, places and other relevant information
- Any documents that may support your report

A report can only be followed up if it contains sufficient information, or if there is a reasonable possibility of obtaining further information through an investigation

### What should you do if you do not have all the facts?

We encourage you to speak up as soon as possible, ideally before situations get out of hand or damage is done. It is always better to discuss upfront than to report afterwards. If you know about or suspect misconduct, speak up with the facts that you have. We do not expect you to have all the answers and you are certainly not expected to prove that your concern is well founded. Let our Company look into the matter to determine if there is a reason for concern.

Never investigate the matter yourself and do not seek evidence to build a strong case. We guarantee that no disciplinary measures or other steps will be taken against you if your genuine concern later turns out to be mistaken or misguided.

- Q: I have become aware of possible misconduct of someone in my team, that may constitute serious fraud. It is still a suspicion, however; I do not have all the facts. Should I speak up or should I first find out more?
- A: Speak up as soon as possible: it is always better to discuss matters upfront. Just speak up with the facts you have. Do not go investigating the matter yourself and do not seek evidence to first build a strong case. Let our Company look into the matter to determine whether there is a reason for concern and what should be done. Experts will assess and investigate your concern and if necessary they will get back to you with any questions. No disciplinary measures or other steps will be taken against you if your genuine concern later turns out to be mistaken or misguided.



# SAFEGUARDING YOUR POSITION: CONFIDENTIALITY

### Do reports remain confidential?

All reporting is done confidentially. This means that information about your concern will only be shared with a limited number of people on a strict need-to-know basis. Information will only be disclosed outside this small group if we are required to do so by law or if an important public interest is at stake. Your identity, and information from which your identity may be disclosed, will only be shared with people authorised to receive or follow up on your report\*. Such information will only be disclosed outside this small group with your explicit consent or if we are required to do so by law. In principle, we are obliged to inform the implicated person that a complaint has been filed against him/her, but your identity will not be disclosed. You yourself can help us protect confidentiality by being discrete and not discussing your report with your colleagues or anyone else.

### Is it possible to report anonymously?

You can share your concerns anonymously (where allowed by the laws of your country). We do however encourage you to reveal your identity as it is more difficult, and in some circumstances even impossible, for us to investigate reports that are made anonymously. In addition, this enables us to better protect you against any retaliation.

### Will your privacy be safeguarded?

Our Company is committed to protecting the privacy of everyone involved. We will do everything to safeguard personal data from unauthorized access and processing. Any personal data obtained as part of this Speak Up policy will only be used for the purposes explained in this policy or to comply with the law or an important public interest. Please click here for more details of the protection of personal data.

### Can I get support during the Speak Up process?

Before raising a concern, but also during the process, you can always consult an advisor or Trusted Representative to support you in the process. You may also reach out to Global Business Conduct for support and guidance.

# SAFEGUARDING YOUR POSITION: NON-RETALIATION

### Non-retaliation - How will you be protected if you speak up?

In our Company we encourage people to speak up about (suspected) misconduct. This means that you are protected against retaliation when you address a concern. Please feel confident that you will not face any negative consequences because of raising concerns in good faith about suspected misconduct. Any attempt, threat or actual retaliation against you or persons or entities connected to you will not be tolerated. Retaliation is treated as a violation of our Code of Business Conduct and consequently may lead to disciplinary measures.

You will not be protected, however, if you maliciously raise a concern that you know is false.

<sup>\*</sup>This will be the Speak Up Review Team as well as the Global or OpCo case manager(s), as explained further below.



### What should you do if you notice any retaliation?

If you notice any retaliation against you or against anyone else for raising or having raised a concern in good faith about suspected misconduct, report this via one of our Speak Up channels. A report on retaliation against a reporter is treated like any other Speak Up report and the same procedure is followed.

### What happens if this policy is misused?

It is a violation of our Code of Business Conduct to knowingly make a false accusation. Doing so may lead to disciplinary measures.

# FOLLOW-UP – WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU SPEAK UP?

### What can you expect if you speak up?

Our Company takes every report of possible misconduct seriously. If you (or someone on your behalf) reports a concern via Speak Up, you will receive a confirmation of receipt within 5 to 7 working days.. Your report will undergo an initial review, and if necessary, it will be appropriately investigated. You will receive a status update after the initial review. On average, closure of the matter can be expected within 1 to 3 months. If the investigation takes longer, you will receive an update on the status of your report, in any case within 3 months. You will be informed of the overall findings, i.e. whether or not our Company has established that misconduct has taken place. Please note that we will not be able to give you full details of the outcome of a case (or related actions taken) for reasons of confidentiality, privacy and the legal rights of all concerned.

### Who will act on your concerns and how?

All concerns about misconduct that our Company receives are logged into the central Speak Up case management system for review and follow-up (unless you did not consent to this). All reports are reviewed by the Global Speak Up Review Team ('Review Team'), who works under the supervision and instruction of the HEINEKEN Integrity Committee. The Review Team consist of representatives from Global Business Conduct, the People function/HR, Global Audit and P&CI. Depending on the nature, urgency and potential impact of your concern, the case will be handled by an OpCo, Regional or Global Case Manager who works under the supervision and instruction of the Speak Up Review Team.

### Review and investigations

The Speak Up Review Team follows a two-phased approach when handling concerns:

- Initial review the Review Team assesses the concern and decides if it requires further review and investigation (and, if so, by whom and in which form). You may be approached for additional information.
- Investigation If the report requires further investigation, the Review Team assigns it to an OpCo, Regional or Global Case Manager. The investigation itself focuses on an objective, factual analysis of the case. If needed, outside experts (for example, lawyers or accountants) can be engaged to assist in the investigation. They work under strict confidentiality.

Review and investigation are conducted in an independent, fair and unbiased manner with respect to all parties involved and in accordance with relevant laws and principles (including fair hearing). Details of the case, your identity and the identity of anyone else mentioned in the report, are kept confidential throughout and after the investigation.



### What is expected of you in connection with investigations?

If you become involved in an investigation, you need to cooperate and answer all questions completely and honestly. Lying to the people performing the investigation as well as delaying, interfering with or refusing to cooperate with an investigation may lead to disciplinary measures. All parties involved, including the accused, are entitled to confidentiality in order to avoid unnecessary damage to their reputation. Therefore, if you participate in or learn about an investigation, you must keep the matter confidential.

### **Appropriate measures**

If your concern is well-founded (i.e. misconduct has indeed taken place), appropriate measures will be taken where necessary in accordance with the law and our Policy on Disciplinary Measures.

### What to do if you have a concern about the follow-up on a report?

If you believe that your concern or a concern raised against you has not been handled appropriately or that an investigation has not been performed correctly, please inform the Integrity Committee at intcom@heineken.com or at Integrity Committee P.O. Box 28, 1000 AA Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In Integrity Committee cases, please inform the chairman of the Supervisory Board of Heineken N.V. at supervisoryboard@heineken.com.

# What if I do not consent to central registration and follow-up of my report?

Reports about misconduct are registered in the central Speak Up case management system to ensure quality and consistency. The Speak Up Review team is in the best position to determine appropriate follow up of reports, and for example assess if a concern can best be investigated by someone at OpCo or at global level taking into account factors like independence and protection against retaliation. However, if you prefer your case being reported and handled within the OpCo only (without any knowledge or involvement from the global Review Team) please indicate so and we will respect your decision. Your concern will then be reported to your OpCo's Legal function for review and follow up at local level. The same conditions as mentioned under 'what can you expect if you speak up' apply on this procedure as well. More details on the local procedure can be found here.

# **MORE INFORMATION?**

If you have questions relating to this Speak Up Policy or if you need assistance, please contact:

- Your manager, People function/HR representative, P&CI or Legal function
- Your Trusted Representative
- Global Business Conduct by email at businessconduct@heineken.com

# **ANNEX 1: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

### **This Annex**

The Speak Up Service is a way for employees, contract staff and external parties to report a suspected wrongdoing by or involving a HEINEKEN Company, employee or contractor staff that is in violation of the HEINEKEN Code of Business Conduct and/or its policies.

This annex explains how HEINEKEN collects, uses and shares personal data for Speak Up purposes. This includes any personal data relating to the person making a report, as well as personal data about those individuals against whom an allegation has been made or those who have been identified as having information about the allegation.

For more general guidance on how HEINEKEN handles your personal data please see the Privacy Procedure for Employee Data. >>> You can find more guidance in the HEINEKEN Privacy Procedure for Employee Data

Calls and on-line reports to the Speak Up Service are received on behalf of HEINEKEN by an independent provider called Navex Global Inc. ("Navex"). Navex is based in the United States with servers located within various EU member states. HEINEKEN has taken the required organizational and contractual measures to ensure that any personal data gathered by Navex is adequately secured and processed for authorized Speak Up Service purposes only.

#### General

HEINEKEN is the data controller of the Speak Up Service which is operated on behalf of itself and its operating companies within HEINEKEN. Depending upon the location of the reporter, where the event is alleged to have taken place and the nature of the allegation(s), an investigator from an operation company will be asked to carry out the investigation.

#### Personal data

The sort of personal data our Company holds as part of the Speak Up process may include:

- Your name and contact details (if you decide not to report anonymously);
- The name and title of the individual(s) you may be reporting;
- A description of any questionable conduct, including all relevant details; and
- Any question you may have.

Although our Company and the agency operating the Speak Up Service ("Navex") do not actively seek it, sensitive personal data, as defined by privacy regulations, could be included in the Speak Up report.

Where you provide your name and personal contact details, your identity will be strictly confidential and will not be disclosed, to the person or people to whom the report relates unless you provide your consent. The only exceptions are where our Company is legally required to disclose your identity; where our Company is legally permitted to disclose your identity to protect or defend our rights or those of our employees, customers, suppliers or business partners, or; where our Company has determined that the allegations were malicious and were made in bad faith.

The Speak Up reports may be collected by any data processing means, whether electronic or not. Please note that personal data will in all cases be processed separately from other employee information systems or employee files.

### Purpose of data processing

HEINEKEN may process your personal data;

- To administer the Speak Up Service and assess and follow up on submissions to the Speak Up Service.
- To investigate alleged violations.
- To take any necessary follow-up action upon the completion of an investigation.
- To create anonymous reports for our Company's management.

### Legal basis

HEINEKEN will only process your personal data in ways compatible with the purpose for which it was collected. To the extent necessary for such purposes, our Company will take reasonable steps to make sure that personal information is accurate, complete and otherwise reliable with regard to its intended use.

With regard to a Speak Up process, our Company shall use your personal data in line with the Privacy Procedure for Employee Data, which refers to the purpose of "the use of employee personal data for activities such as those involving the protection of the interest of HEINEKEN and its employees and for protecting the interests of Heineken and employee assets." Our Company relies on legitimate interests as the lawful basis for the collection and use of your personal data.

Your personal data may be kept and used to manage the Speak Up process whilst you are working for us, at the time when your employment ends and for some time after you have left.

#### **Disclosures**

Personal data collected for the purposes referred to above will be shared with Navex who administers the Speak Up Service on behalf of and under the direction and control of our Company.

We may also permit selected third-party experts, such as forensic accountants, external lawyers or consultants, to access your personal information for the purpose of conducting internal investigations in relation to (suspected) violation(s) of our Code of Business Conduct and/or its policies. When HEINEKEN shares personal information with these third parties our Company requires that they only use such personal information as necessary to provide investigatory services to us and in a manner consistent with the Privacy Procedure for Employee Data and applicable law.

Furthermore, personal data collected for Speak Up purposes will only be disclosed to any other party if our Company is under a duty to disclose or share your personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation or when necessary to report criminal offenses.

### **Cross Border Transfer**

If it becomes necessary to transfer your data outside of the European Economic Area our Company will put in place appropriate safeguards in accordance with applicable legal requirements to ensure that your data receives protection equivalent to that provided by data protection regulations applicable in the European Economic Area.

### **Data retention**

Speak Up reports that have been found unsubstantiated shall be removed as soon as possible, including all personal data in or related to these reports. Personal data relating to reports about substantiated claims will be retained only for the period required to serve the Speak Up purposes, to the extent reasonably necessary to comply with an applicable legal requirement, or as advisable in light of an applicable statute of limitations.

Recording of any disciplinary measures against an employee resulted from a report filed under the provisions of the Speak Up policy shall be done in compliance with the internal procedures that our Company maintains in relation to personnel records.

"Remove" means destruction of the personal data or adaptation of the personal data in such a way that identification of the reporter and the implicated person are no longer possible.

### Your rights

Any employee may, at all times, request Global Business Conduct or the Integrity Committee whether or not a report has been filed against him/her. If so, he/she will be provided with a written overview of the personal data available about him/her unless this would seriously hinder the investigation. If personal data proves to be inaccurate or incomplete, the implicated person can request rectification or completion thereof. Under specific circumstances, an employee may request erasure of personal data concerning him/her or request restriction of processing of personal data concerning him/her.

### **Contact**

If you have any other question, if you wish to exercise any of the above rights or if you have a complaint about our handling of your Personal Data with regard to the Speak Up procedure, please send an e-mail to businessconduct@heineken.com, or contact Global Business Conduct at +31 20 5239 968.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Notes: HEINEKEN or our Company refers to each company that is majority owned and controlled,

directly or indirectly, by Heineken N.V. This Speak Up policy supersedes any previous Whistleblowing procedure and Fraud Reporting Procedure anywhere within HEINEKEN. Amendments can be made from time to time and are communicated. Please note that this policy has a complementary character: any applicable national legislation remains valid. Where the terms of this policy are stricter than applicable legislation or provide

additional safeguards, rights or remedies, the terms of this policy will prevail.