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Major Developments in Business and Human  
Rights in the World

1961 - 2023

Historical Background

Accelerated production through technological advances and global interconnections with other parts of the world play a major role in the development of the global trade system. The rapidly increasing supply-demand cycle leads to an increase in human rights violations such as overtime, unregistered and/or forced labour, child labour, non-compliance with occupational health and safety requirements, and growing environmental problems. Numerous regulations have been introduced to promote and strengthen responsible business practices to prevent such abuses by leveraging the transformative power of developed economies and global corporations. In the past 20 years, the responsibilities in business practices have come to the forefront more clearly than in previous years and have begun to be legislated. As it is known, as of January 1, 2023, the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG) entered into force in Germany and introduced requirements for supply chains. On December 13, 2023, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers of the European Union reached a provisional agreement on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDD), which aims to enhance the protection of the environment and human rights in the EU and globally. This timeline is intended to facilitate tracking this process from past to present. [December 2023]



