

MASTER ITALIA S.p.A. always considered *Business Ethics* as a fundamental value. Nevertheless, being subjective, the evaluation of the real respect of ethics values was considered something arguable.

Whit this regard, it can be stated that, nowadays, thanks to new objective assessment parameters and authorities assessments are impartial. CEPAA (Council on Economic Priorities Accreditation Agency), member of CEP (Council on Economic Priorities), is a no-profit organisation located in the United States, which elaborated in 1997 a standard known as SA8000 (Social Accountability). SA8000 lists and explains the fundamental requirements that a company has to respect to be certified in terms of Social Responsibility. CEPAA, whose name changed in SAI (Social Accountability International), has to elaborate, spread, promote and update SA8000 standard (edition in force: 2008). Furthermore, by means of SAS (Social Accountability Accreditation Services), SAI has to confirm Certificate Authorities and Training Organisations as SA8000 standard “distributors”.

SA8000 standard is the response to the rising expectations coming from consumers and stakeholders towards the Social Responsibility of companies.

MASTER ITALIA S.p.A. began the SA8000 authorisation procedure with the purpose of conveying the company’s principles in terms of Social Responsibility on which all its business actions are based on. The maintaining of SA8000 standard does not depend exclusively on the company commitment but also on the suppliers alignment to the standard requirements.

With this regard, MASTER ITALIA S.p.A. asks to its suppliers:

*to align to SA8000 standard requirements,*

*to actively participate in company monitoring activities and*

*to identify any non-conformity.*

The purpose is to implement in a prompt way a corrective action in order to solve the non-conformity related to SA8000 standard.

MASTER ITALIA S.p.A. will base its supplier selection on the commitment shown by suppliers towards Social Responsibility and their will to start the certification procedure.

Attached you will find the declaration stating that You adhere to SA8000 standard requirements, in order to start the first step towards Social Responsibility certification.

Please to return within next week, by mail or fax, the above-mentioned document with Your stamp and signature.

Yours sincerely