



WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.

Code of Conduct

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Foreword

Dear colleagues,

As a domestically operating company and a responsible corporate citizen, our business activities are based on high ethical and applicable legal standards. We foster a sense of trust with our stakeholders and meet our responsibility of being a reliable and successful business partner by considering integrity as a key element of our business behaviour.

WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that all our employees, with support from WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s senior executives and managers, understand and comply with the principles we apply to our business activities. We encourage our employees to personally live up to and consistently value the principles of the Code of Conduct when engaged in WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s business whether internally or in the public. The principles set forth mark the minimum standards of how WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. conducts business and is represented in the domestic marketplace.

We are convinced that our Code of Conduct is an effective instrument of risk prevention to protect us from negative consequences such as monetary penalties or reputational damages. And at the same time, we are convinced the Code of Conduct makes us recognised as a company of integrity whose members apply unquestionable and clear principles in the business.

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Introduction

Purpose and Scope

Integrity is a key element of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s business behaviour. WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. is positioned as a trusted and reliable business partner in all its activities. The Code of Conduct compiles the principles of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s business conduct. All principles of the Code of Conduct are equally important and the order in which they are listed is not based on relevance.

The Code of Conduct applies to every affiliate of the WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. and to all board employees and staff employees (collectively referred to as “employees” hereafter; people manager referred to as “managers”) of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. Employees are personally obliged to strictly adhere to the principles set out in the Code of Conduct. In cases of doubt, exercising good judgment in line with the spirit of the Code of Conduct is expected.

Responsibilities

The Code of Conduct sets out the expected business principles for WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. More specifically the responsibilities concern the roles and functions as follows:

All WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. employees must

- follow the principles in the Code of Conduct,
- become aware of, understand, and follow policies relevant to their job, and
- feel comfortable asking questions, seeking advice and raising concerns without fear of retaliation.

When in doubt employees shall ask themselves:

- “Is what I intend to do legally permitted and in line with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.’s Code of Conduct and policies?”
- “Would my managers, colleagues and subordinates view my conduct as ethical?”
- “Would my family and friends view my conduct as ethical?”
- “Would those who are directly involved view my conduct as ethical?”
- “Would I want to be treated the same way?”
- “Would I feel comfortable if my conduct appeared in the media and attributed to me?”

In addition, all WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o employees must

- create and encourage a culture of integrity within their sphere of influence – including an openness for asking questions and raising concerns,
- lead by example and actively provide guidance to staff members when questions regarding potentially questionable business conduct arise,
- be fully accountable for the misconduct of their staff,
- supervise their staff members properly,
- select qualified staff members for tasks and provide appropriate instruction in accordance with applicable laws and regulations,
- play an active role in regularly monitoring compliance with the Code of Conduct,
- communicate clearly that violations of laws and / or the Code of Conduct may have serious employment consequences, and
- correct detected misconduct and ensure appropriate disciplinary actions as needed in accordance with applicable internal policies and laws.

Failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. Employees are expected to fully cooperate when investigations of misconduct are performed.

Need help?

The Code of Conduct is not exhaustive and cannot cover or anticipate every situation employees may encounter during the course of their employment with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. Although additional policies may provide more specific guidance, there may be instances where employees will still have questions that are not directly addressed by any policy.

When in doubt, employees are encouraged to ask questions. They can consult with their managers for guidance and advice, and can contact various employees of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s Legal and Compliance organisation to discuss specific situations or concerns.

Reporting concerns

Employees who become aware of issues or practices that may violate the Code of Conduct or laws are encouraged to report their concerns to managers or any person of trust, such as line managers, internal auditors, legal counsels and compliance officers. As an additional reporting channel, employees can make use of the Confidential Reporting Line (via e-mail, telephone or web-form) to report in a safe, confidential and, if desired, anonymous manner. Additional information regarding the Confidential Reporting Line is available on WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s intranet.

Non-retaliation policy: employees reporting any concerns in good faith should not fear retaliation and will be under the protection of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. and local laws where applicable. However, knowingly providing false or misleading information may lead to disciplinary action.



Employment Practices

1. Employment Practices, Diversity and Equal Opportunities

Knowledge, experience and the entrepreneurial spirit of employees determine the success of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. Managers are expected to act as role models. Behaviour that is contrary to WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s standard of business ethics should be identified, discussed, changed, and re-occurrence prevented.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s working environment creates and fosters professional development opportunities.
- Employment conditions, as well as remuneration, aim to stimulate high performance and to consistently reward excellent results.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. supports a culture of diversity and inclusion, free from harassment and discrimination.
- Managers and employees establish open and honest team cooperation.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. respects the privacy and data protection rights of individuals.

Not Tolerated

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. does not tolerate harassment and discrimination.
- Employment must never be illegal and unfair.
- Substance abuse and illegal drugs in the workplace are prohibited.

2. Human Rights and Dignity

Human rights are moral principles or norms that describe standards of human behaviour, and are protected as natural and legal rights by law. They are commonly understood as inalienable fundamental rights "to which a person is inherently entitled simply because she or he is a human being", and which are "inherent in all human beings" regardless of their nationality, location, language, religion, ethnic origin or any other status.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Business activities must be delivered according to the commonly accepted principles of Human Rights and Dignity.

Not Tolerated

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. opposes violations or limitations of Human Rights and Dignity of any kind which includes, but is not limited to, any form of discrimination, slavery and torture, human trafficking, or forced and child labour.



Safeguarding People & Assets

3. Safety & Health

WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s business is subject to various laws, regulations, industry standards and contractual obligations that require a safe and healthy work environment for its employees, business partners, customers, suppliers, and communities in which it operates.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy and safe working environment.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. proactively promotes health and safety awareness for its employees.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. provides dedicated health and safety trainings to its employees through computer-based and classroom training.
- Employees are expected to be familiar with health and safety requirements and actively identify and report areas of improvement, unsafe acts and conditions, and near-miss incidents to ensure that preventative measures are taken to deter any potential harm.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. ensures that its employees and suppliers are committed to obeying relevant laws and regulations, working instructions and safety measures at all times.
- Employees take care of each other, work to prevent harm, and intervene or stop activities deemed unsafe.

4. Environment

Business activities can have a major impact on the environment. As such, WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. continuously identifies and measures its environmental footprint to improve its performance and reduces its impact on the environment.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. establishes effective controls to monitor the usage of resources to avoid or reduce waste (prevention).
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. conducts recovery operations to re-use products or their components from waste (re-use).
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. recycles raw materials according to globally accepted standards and quality protocols (recycle).
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. produces energy such as fuel, heat and power as well as materials from waste (recover).
- Ultimately, WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. carefully manages its waste deposits at registered landfills and incinerators (disposal).



5. Data Privacy and Protection

Notwithstanding WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s contractual obligation of confidentiality, it is also compulsory to maintain the confidentiality of proprietary information of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o., its customers and suppliers. Data protection laws grant individuals certain rights in connection with the way in which their personal data is used.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Confidential or proprietary information may only be disclosed to third parties upon respective written authorisation given by the responsible manager, or if the disclosure is required by law.
- Such confidential information includes all non-public information that might be of use to competitors or harmful to WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o., its customers or suppliers if disclosed.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. and employees shall comply with the applicable data protection laws, thereby safeguarding data privacy rights of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s customers, suppliers and employees.
- Employees have the responsibility to comply with all applicable data protection laws and in particular the EU General Data Protection Regulation, while safeguarding the rights of people and enabling effective business operations around the world.

Not Tolerated

- Employees are not allowed (neither during nor after their employment) to disclose any confidential or proprietary information which was received during their employment at WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. to anyone not employed by WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.

6. Handling of Company Property

WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s business services are delivered with the support of assets such as property, plants and equipment owned by the company.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- The use of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. assets is only allowed for legitimate business purposes.
- Devices and equipment in WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. offices and facilities are to be used as efficiently as possible.

Not Tolerated

- It is the obligation of every employee to protect WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s property against any improper handling such as carelessness, waste or destruction as well as against theft or other forms of unauthorised removal.
- Unauthorised personal use of business equipment is prohibited.



7. Company Books and Records

Business activities are reflected and recorded in the company books and records. Applicable laws regulate public disclosure obligations of such books and records.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. is committed to maintaining its books and records in accordance with applicable laws and regulations respecting the integrity of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s record-keeping and reporting systems at all times.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. requires honest, accurate and timely recording and reporting of financial information in order to make responsible business decisions.
- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. books, records, accounts and financial statements must represent the nature, extent and purpose of activities recorded, in compliance with company policies, in reasonable detail and without omitting material facts. They must not include any misleading information, inaccurate events, exaggeration, or derogatory remarks.
- Records and documents must be kept in compliance with applicable document retention laws and internal policies.

Not Tolerated

- Members shall never, directly or indirectly falsify WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. books and records.

8. Business Continuity

In case of unforeseeable or unpredictable events such as systemic failures or catastrophes, plans for business continuity and disaster recovery enable mitigation procedures for staff, assets and partners, thus limiting interruption or other adverse effects on operations.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- All WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. sites maintain documented business continuity and disaster recovery plans.
- Respective plans are communicated and tested to identify gaps, improvements and to reduce potential adverse effects.
- Emergency procedures and communication processes are known to all employees.



Business Ethics

9. Bribery and Corruption

Bribery can take many forms beyond cash payments such as gifts, travel, entertainment or any other undue advantage. WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. will not engage in any form of active (“giving”) or passive (“receiving”) bribery and expressly prohibits its Employees from engaging in any form of bribery. The prohibition also applies to any contributions or payments made through consultants, suppliers, or other third parties on behalf of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.

Violations of anti-bribery laws can lead to costly enforcement actions and harsh criminal penalties against companies and the individuals involved.

Additionally, WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. prohibits facilitation payments which are usually small payments mostly made to lower-level governmental employees to secure the performance of routine government actions.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Employees must familiarise themselves with all relevant anti-corruption laws and conduct business in strict compliance with these laws. Transactions that appear to be illegal or unethical should be rejected.
- Suspected violations of bribery laws and requests for payment by or for government officials should be immediately reported to a superior or Legal and Compliance representatives.
- Third parties engaged by WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. must be carefully supervised - never “turn a blind eye” on suppliers.
- If employees believe their own or others’ lives or health may be in danger, making facilitation payments may not be a violation of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.’s prohibition. However, such payments must always be accurately recorded in WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. accounts and immediately reported to their management.

Not Tolerated

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. explicitly prohibits its employees from making improper payments, whether to public officials, private persons or legal entities, active or passive.
- Employees are strictly prohibited from offering, paying, giving or otherwise transferring funds or assets, directly or indirectly to someone in a public office or a person with political influence, to someone applying for a public office, to a political party or any other third party, for the purpose of obtaining or retaining an improper advantage or otherwise securing or retaining business.



10. Gifts, Hospitality and Entertainment

WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. recognises that business gifts, hospitality and entertainment on a modest scale can be a regular part of doing business and are commonly used to build goodwill and strengthen working relationships among business partners. However, if offers of gifts, hospitality or entertainment are frequent or of substantial value, they may create the appearance of or create an actual conflict of interest or improper payment.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- The use of gifts, hospitality and entertainment must always be in accordance with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s standards of transparency and in compliance with our approval and reporting procedures.
- Employees may only accept or offer unsolicited non-monetary gifts if at a minimum the following conditions are fulfilled: the gifts do not go beyond common courtesy and are accepted by local business practices; the value of the gift does not imply obligations on the part of the recipient; the gift is appropriate with respect to the recipient.
- Employees may accept or offer unsolicited hospitality and entertainment. Such hospitality and entertainment must be infrequent, separated from influencing business decisions, and reasonable in value; must take place in settings that are reasonably appropriate and fitting with the employees' roles in the related business.

Not Tolerated

- Gifts, hospitality and entertainment to government officials are generally prohibited. Any exceptions require prior written approval.
- Employees are prohibited from soliciting or offering gifts, personal benefits or unjustified advantages to third parties connected with business dealings in monetary form or otherwise.

11. Interactions with Suppliers and other Third Parties

As a domestic leader in welding and testing of materials, WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. deals with a large network of suppliers and other third parties that play an important role as enablers for sustainable growth and overall success. The way supplies are purchased and operations are contracted out affects WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s reputation as a responsible corporate citizen.

WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. has set forth principles that are key for economic, social and environmental sustainability in order to ensure long-time success of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. and its stakeholders in the WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.

Where necessary, provisions relating to laws, regulations, compliance trainings and auditing, are included in contracts with third parties. Additionally, in an effort to minimise and manage compliance-related risks, WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. has implemented a risk-based Integrity Due Diligence process for third parties.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. requires its suppliers to adhere to the principles of the supplier Code of Conduct and to use reasonable efforts to ensure that their own suppliers will also comply with these principles.
- Collaboration must be based on clear and fair criteria. Employees are responsible for monitoring the business relationships with suppliers to continuously ensure their qualification for WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.



12. Competition and Fair Dealing

Worldwide, anti-trust laws generally prohibit agreements, understandings and actions which may restrain trade or reduce competition. Violations of such laws do not require explicit promises or trade reducing agreements; violations can be established with circumstantial evidence. Due to the complexity of anti-trust law, employees are strongly advised to consult the Legal and Compliance organisation with any questions.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. performs its business with honesty, fairness and integrity. WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. seeks competitive advantage through excellent performance, never through unethical or unlawful business practices.
- All customers, suppliers, competitors and employees should be dealt with fairly and lawfully. WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. must offer customers the best prices and services, independent of what its competitors are doing.
- Employees must principally conduct business with customers without any interaction with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s competitors.

Not Tolerated

- Taking unfair advantage on anyone through any illegal trade practice like manipulation, abuse of privileged information or misrepresentation of material facts is prohibited. Co-operation or alignment with competitors for the purpose of gaining new business from customers is strictly prohibited.
- Employees must strictly act within the law, and must also avoid anything that might appear as collusion or improper action. Entering into collusive agreements or commitments with competitors concerning price fixing, allocations of customers or territories, customer / supplier boycotts or other similar agreements is not permitted. It is also prohibited to “team” or work with other companies in order to limit competition, e.g., for “bid rigging” or to exchange confidential information with competitors about the aforementioned subjects.
- Employees must not enter into discussions with competitors about the above mentioned subjects.

13. Trade Controls

The movement of goods, services, software, intellectual property and technology across borders is regulated in each country. Many countries also implement trade controls, such as export controls, sanctions embargoes and boycotts, which may have an impact on how WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. conducts business. Compliance with trade controls is critical to WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s success. A violation can severely damage WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s reputation and give rise to civil and / or criminal penalties.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s global operations shall conduct business in compliance with applicable trade controls, including relevant international and local trade control laws and regulations.
- Members are accountable and are expected to exercise responsible supervision and control over their operations to ensure compliance with applicable trade controls.



14. Political Contributions

Political and democratic initiatives can be actively and passively supported by the people.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- At their discretion, employees can participate in political activities in their own personal capacity as long as their position does not conflict with their work and measures are taken to separate their professional from political interests. When needed, such conflicts are to be transparently disclosed to WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.

Not Tolerated

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. does not make political contributions, whether in monetary payments or donations in kind to political parties or their institutions, agencies or representatives, anywhere in the world.

15. Charitable Donations

Charitable donations are voluntary unilateral contributions from donors for charitable purposes only, without the expectation of services in return. Donations may fall under certain laws and regulations in some countries and may give rise to tax implications in some instances.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Charitable donations shall always be in line with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s corporate social responsibility as well as applicable laws and regulations.
- Charitable donations shall always be given transparently and be comprehensively evidenced.

16. Sponsorships

WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. funds may be used for sponsoring activities. Sponsorships must be based upon bilateral agreements in which the involved parties agree to specific services and services-in-return. Most often such services-in-return relate to marketing and promotion.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Sponsorship agreements shall be in writing with the services and services-in-return comprehensively evidenced.
- Most commonly sponsorships have commercial purposes.

Not Tolerated

- Sponsorships shall never be misused for obtaining undue advantages.



17. Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest exist when positions within WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. are used for personal gain aside from the normal compensatory rewards of employment. Conflicts of interest also exist when business connections are entertained with competitors, customers or suppliers beyond the regular business relationship, or when family members or friends of employees have interests in third parties that are in business with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. Conflicts of interest may also arise when an employee's personal interest takes precedence over WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s while that employee is acting within her or his capacity as a WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. employee. Even appearances of conflicts of interest could damage WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s or its employees' reputation.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Business decisions should always be based on sound business judgment and not be motivated by potential personal gains.
- When potential conflicts of interest arise, Members are expected to immediately inform a superior and disclose the conflict in writing.

Not Tolerated

- Employees are to avoid situations, activities, involvements, or investments that conflict with WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s business.

18. Insider Trading

Securities laws seek to ensure that all investors holding shares or other types of securities of a company have timely and equal access to information, subject to the company's disclosure obligations, when making trading decisions such as buying, holding or selling securities. Non-public information that could be expected to affect shareholder investments or voting decisions, or that may significantly alter the information in the marketplace about WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o., or that may have an effect on WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s share price, is defined as insider information. Insiders include Members, agents or contractors of WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. with access to insider information as well as their family members or persons living in the same household. It also includes other persons or entities with access to, or that may otherwise be accidentally informed about, insider information concerning WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- Insiders shall keep business information confidential.

Not Tolerated

- Insiders are not allowed to purchase or sell WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o.'s securities or to encourage or discourage other persons to deal in such securities based on insider information.
- Insiders are not allowed to disclose any insider information and should exercise utmost efforts in preserving the confidentiality of insider information.



19. Money Laundering

Money laundering is defined as an illegal process where funds from illegitimate activities are transformed into assumed legitimate assets. Often such activities are related to financing terrorism or evading international sanctions.

Respected and Fostered Principles

- WELDING & TESTING OF MATERIALS, s.r.o. is committed to complying with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism laws throughout the world. The company will conduct business only with reputable customers that are involved in legitimate business activities with funds derived from legitimate sources.
- Employees are to collect and understand documentation about their customers and business partners to ensure that they are involved in lawful business activities and their funds are of lawful origin.
- Reasonable steps must be taken to prevent and detect unacceptable and suspicious forms of payment.

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