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Certification audits

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Design for the environment (DFE)

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Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

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Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Reporting Framework

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Green manufacturing

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ISO 14000 Series Standards

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Life cycle assessment (LCA)

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Considering health, safety, and environmental aspects of a product during the design and development phase of product development.

Audits occurring within registration processes (e.g., for ISO 9000:2000).

The framework that sets out the principles and performance indicators organizations can use to measure and report their human rights, labor, environment, and anticorruption practices and outcomes.

A network-based organization that pioneered the world's most widely used sustainability reporting framework.

A series of generic environmental management standards, developed by the International Organization for Standardization, that provide structure and systems for managing environmental compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and affect every aspect of a company's environmental operations.

A method of producing a good or service that minimizes external cost and pollution. It includes design for reuse, design for disassembly, and design for remanufacture. See: environmentally responsible business.

Understanding the human and environmental impacts during the life of a product, process, or service, including energy, material, and environmental inputs and outputs. Sometimes called cradle-to-grave analysis, [this] includes raw material extraction through materials processing, manufacture, distribution, use, repair and maintenance, and disposal or recycling.

An international standard adopted by the International Organization for Standardization to assist organizations in contributing to sustainable development beyond legal compliance through a common understanding of social responsibility. [This] is not a management system standard and is not intended or appropriate for certification purposes or regulatory or contractual use.

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Life cycle costing

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Logistics social responsibility

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Social responsibility

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Triple bottom line (TBL)

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UN Global Compact Management Model

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United Nations Global Compact

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The subset of corporate social responsibility that relates to logistics, including minimizing negative impacts, monitoring and controlling, reporting, and continuously improving in social responsibility areas that include the environment, health and safety, and labor issues related to warehousing, transportation, and other logistics areas.

In evaluating alternatives, the consideration of all costs—including acquisition, operation, and disposition costs—that will be incurred over the entire time of product ownership.

People with a vested interest in a company, including managers, employees, stockholders, customers, and suppliers.

Commitment by top management to behave ethically and to contribute to community development. This may also entail improving the workforce's quality of life.

An approach that measures the economic, social, and environmental impact of an organization's activities with the intent of creating value for both its shareholders and society.

An organizational focus on activities that provide present benefit without compromising the needs of future generations.

A voluntary initiative whereby companies embrace, support, and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment, and anticorruption.

A framework for guiding companies through the process of formally committing to, assessing, defining, implementing, measuring, and communicating the United Nations Global Compact and its principles.