## Segment 2.5 Contexts of Supply Chain Management

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**Theme:** External Environment

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<td>The impact of social, technical, economic, environmental, political, legislative, ethical and demographic (STEEPLED) criteria on organisations and their supply chains</td>
<td>Identify the potential impact of STEEPLED criteria on the organisation and its supply chain and draw up plans to maximise the benefits and mitigate difficulties</td>
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The impact of [market change](#) on supply chains  

Advise colleagues and other stakeholders on the impact of market change on the supply chain

The main regulations that impact on the employment of people in supply chains such as:

- Discrimination, equality and diversity  
- Employee redundancy and dismissal  
- Working time and staff payment  
- International labour codes  
- Health and safety at the workplace  
- Minimum/fair wages  
- Modern slavery  
- Other country specific employment issues  

Evaluate the effect of impact of the main regulations on the employment of people in supply chains and draw up plans to mitigate any potential difficulties caused by the regulations
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<td>The impact of <strong>mergers and acquisitions</strong> on supply chains</td>
<td>Evaluate the potential effect of mergers and acquisitions on the organisation’s supply chains and develop plans to maximise benefits and minimise disruption</td>
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<td>The effect of competition law on supply chains</td>
<td>Analyse the effect of competition law on the organisation and its supply chains to ensure compliance with competition law</td>
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<td>Regulatory requirements such as price and service controls exercised by industry regulators and international bodies</td>
<td>Evaluate the implications of regulatory requirements such as price and service controls exercised by industry regulators and international bodies</td>
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<td>Suppliers as key resources for the supply of products and services</td>
<td>Establish effective performance objectives, assess internal and external resources with their dependencies and create procurement plans for contracted work with suppliers</td>
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**Related CIPS Knowledge Links**

- **External Environment** - [http://www.cips.org/Knowledge/Procurement-topics-and-skills/#6896](http://www.cips.org/Knowledge/Procurement-topics-and-skills/#6896)
- **Legislation** - [http://www.cips.org/Knowledge/Procurement-topics-and-skills/External-Environment/Legislation1/](http://www.cips.org/Knowledge/Procurement-topics-and-skills/External-Environment/Legislation1/)
- **Sustainable and Ethical Procurement** - [http://www.cips.org/Knowledge/Procurement-...](http://www.cips.org/Knowledge/Procurement...)
## Segment 2.6 Managing the Challenges of Global Supply Chains

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<td>The application of STEEPLED analysis in globalised supply chains</td>
<td>Evaluate the impact of STEEPLED factors on globalised supply chains and formulate recommendations to ensure the organisation's strategy develops opportunities that result from changes in STEEPLED factors</td>
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<td>Standards that apply to ethical/responsible sourcing and human rights abuse including labour codes that impact on the globalisation of supply chains such as;</td>
<td>Monitor compliance with ethical practices and standards that apply to global supply chains taking appropriate actions in the event of detecting any breaches by colleagues or other stakeholders</td>
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| • the United Nations (UN) Trafficking Protocol  
• the International Labour Organisation (ILO)  
• the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)  
• Social Accountability International Standard SA8000 | |
<p>| Licensing of imports and exports | Monitor and ensure compliance with the licensing of imports and exports that affect the organisation |</p>
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<td>Controls through tariffs and duties on imports and exports</td>
<td>Provide advice to colleagues and other stakeholders on the impact of tariffs and duties on imports and exports arranging appropriate actions when necessary</td>
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The methods for managing the volatility of commodities and currencies in supply chains such as:

- Hedging
- Spot
- Forward
- Derivative
- Other instruments

Evaluate and implement the use of appropriate instruments to manage the volatility of commodities and currencies in supply chains

The main regulations that impact on the employment of people in global supply chains such as:

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Evaluate the impact of the main regulations that impact on the employment of people in global supply chains

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Environment/Legislation


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