

# COMPLIANCE OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

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## Dear employees,

A company's sustainable success requires responsible behaviour. More and more companies are coming under public scrutiny as a result of legal violations and in a world with increasingly complex and difficult to understand legal structures, conscientious behaviour is increasingly demanding. For this reason, we have developed behavioural standards at HHLA, which provide safety and support for conduct in day-to-day work. The HHLA Code of Conduct and the further group guidelines summarise the rules of the game which are important for acting with integrity and within the law when dealing with business partners, officials, colleagues and the public. These regulations cannot however describe every situation that might pose a problem. In case of doubt or reservations, you should therefore contact the HHLA compliance officer. You must also inform the compliance officer or your superior about violations of these regulations.

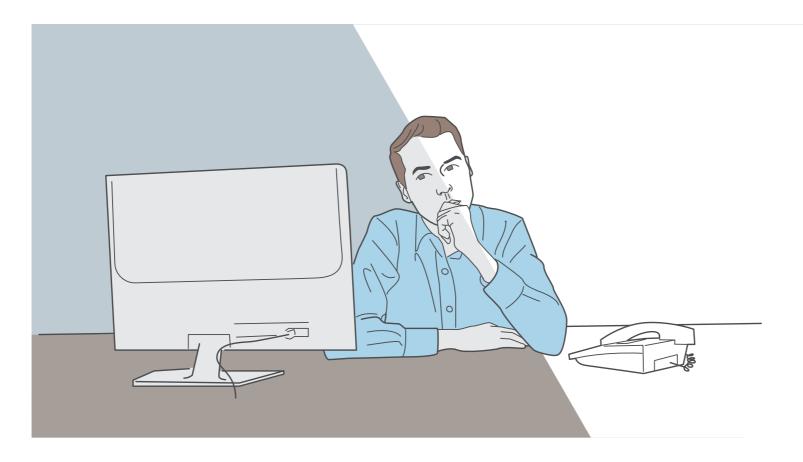
How HHLA is perceived by those around it essentially depends on the behaviour of each and every individual. Each employee is also an ambassador of HHLA at all times.

Foreword from the Board of Directors

Our good reputation is based on the fact that we do not make any compromises concerning morally and legally sound behaviour. It is a matter of honour for us to respect to these rules!

Let us do everything we can together so that HHLA remains on its course to success.

The Board of Directors

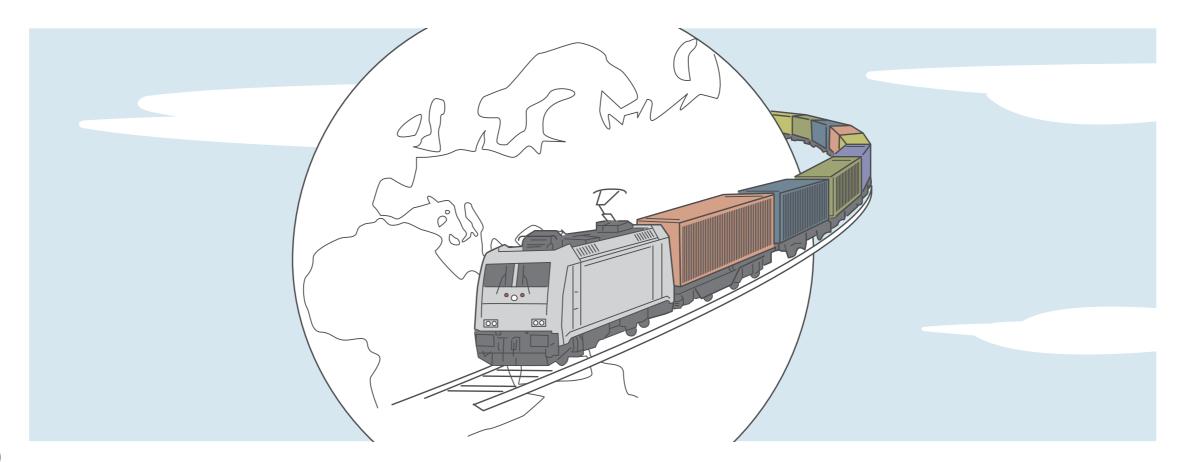


# "DOING THE RIGHT THING, EVEN IF NO ONE IS WATCHING"

## Acting responsibly - Integrity and lawful behaviour

course for us to observe all applic- able laws and requirements. Violations of any behaviour. kind damage the good reputation of HHLA and can result in heavy

financial damages. Therefore, each one of us is responsible for observing the Integrity and lawful behaviour are firmly anchored at HHLA. It is a matter of applicable rules and defending the reputation of HHLA in our appearance and

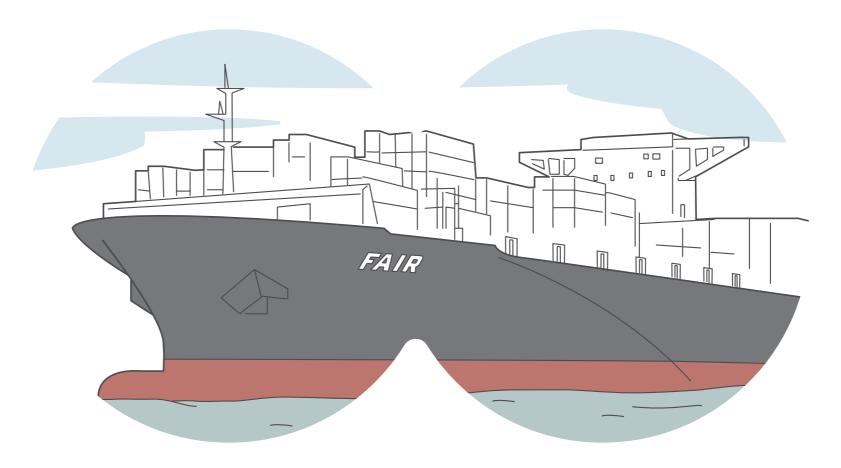


# "WE EMBRACE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COLLEAGUES"

## Respect diversity - No discrimination

that we create a working environment in which prejudices play no role. This political views, age, physical charac-teristics or appearance. can only happen if we engage with one another with acceptance and mutual

respect. We therefore decisively oppose any form of harassment, bullying The diversity of our employees with their different abilities and talents opens and discrimination. We respect all colleagues, irrespective of their cultural up opportunities for innovative and creative paths for HHLA. It is important background, skin colour, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, religion,



# "WE ARE LEADING OUR BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH FORESIGHT"

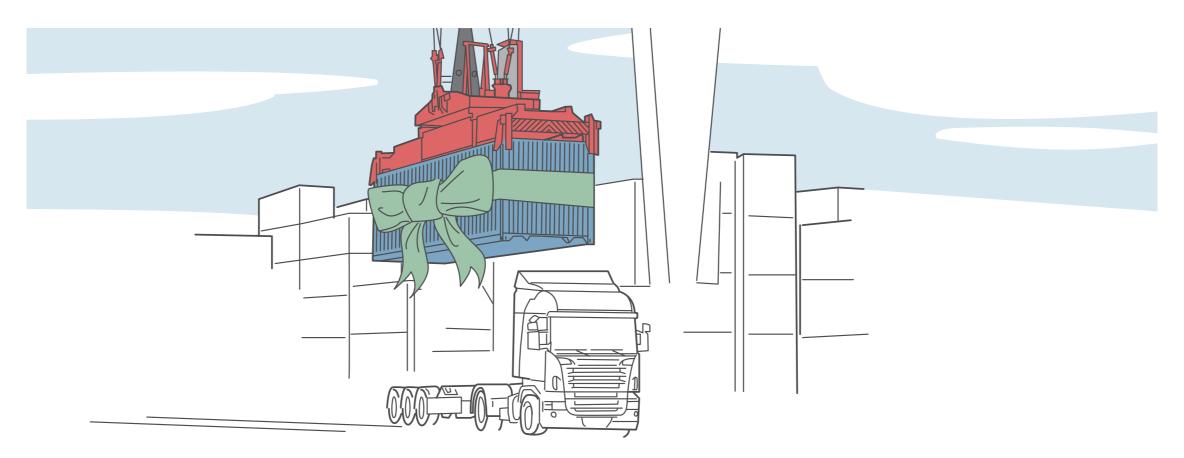
#### **Fair competition**

Competition and anti-trust laws serve to protect free competition. Violations I against competition law regulations are sanctioned with high financial penalties. Coordinated behaviour or unlawful agreements which aim to limit com- petition or could have this effect will not be tolerated at our company. We It is not always easy to assess situations you might be confronted with in not accept any:

surcharges and bases of calculation), partitioning of customers or territories, ful actions. Please, therefore, contact the legal department in case of doubt.

- I Submissions of mock offers for tenders,
- Unauthorised forwarding, acceptance or exchange of internal information, e.g. about prices, margins, costs, market shares, capacities or planning.

do not even want to raise the impres- sion of such behaviour. Therefore, we do competition. When these situations arise, you will be supported by the regulations and examples of the HHLA competition guidelines. Expressing I Agreements with competitors regarding prices, price elements (e.g. uncertainties and reservations openly and in good time can help to avoid unlaw-



## "DOING BUSINESS - BUT NOT AT ANY PRICE"

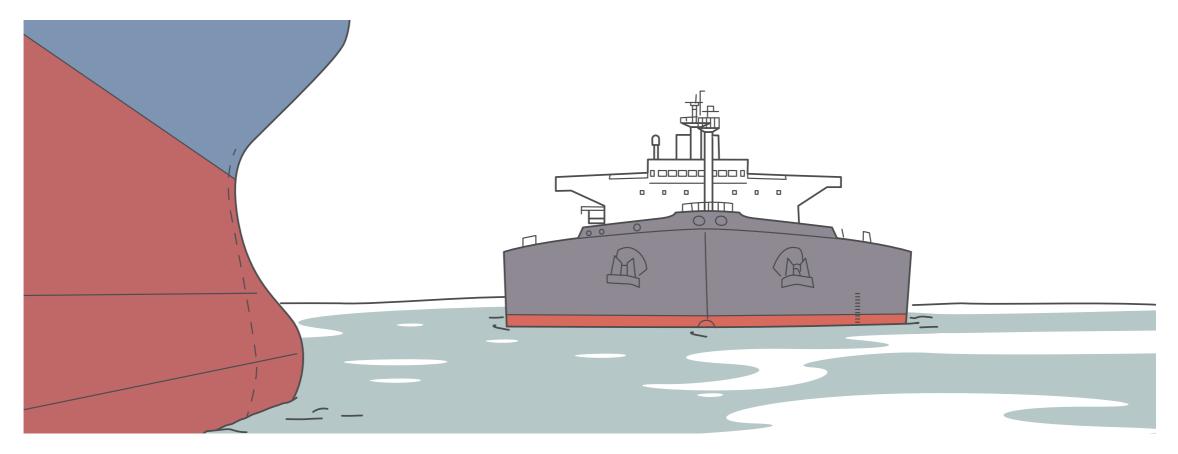
#### Prevention of corruption - Accepting/granting benefits

on objective factors, such as quality and service, but also on sustainability and integrity. We therefore may not accept, request or grant any unjustified benefits which could influence a commercial decision or official action. It is also unlawful to grant benefits indirectly through consultants, mediators or agents. This applies both in relations with persons in the private sector as commitment is appropriate, transparent and complies with the applicable well as in relations with persons in the public sector (e.g. officials).

When granting and accepting benefits we pay attention to transparency, appropriateness and adherence to company guidelines, and we observe HHLA anti-corruption guidelines.

the applicable law.

Our criteria for selecting and cooperating with business partners is based Benefits of any kind must always correspond with the compliance rules of both the giver and the receiver. In dealing with officials, we take the greatest care because the corruption provisions here are especially strict. Even the granting of a benefit with a very low value will often be regarded as illegal and can put officials in a difficult position very quickly. Our sponsorship law. We only donate to non-profit purposes. To make it easier for you to assess these topics, you can find further explanations and examples in the



# "WE RESOLVE CONFLICTS BETWEEN BUSINESS AND PRIVATE INTERESTS WITH A TRANSPARENT APPROACH"

#### **Dealing with conflicts of interest**

interests of HHLA clash with our personal or private interests. This is referred to it is essential that we know how to deal with them correctly. If possible conflicts as a conflict of interests. A conflict of interests can arise if an employee or one of interest exist or are in the making, we disclose them and seek suitable of his or her family members is involved in activities which could influence solutions together with the superior, the HR department or the compliance professional objectivity. Specifically, conflicts of interest can arise as a result of officer in order to maintain the interests of HHLA. financial or personal interests with customers, suppliers, service providers or

competitors, e.g. as a result of a sideline job at one of these groups.

In daily professional life we can be faced with situations in which the commercial Conflicts of interest are not as such considered offences within themselves, but



# "LEADING BY EXAMPLE"

## Management's exemplary function

is often more to do with how they handle the "little things". They are particularly reputation of HHLA and its employees into the future. obliged to lead by example and promote the ethics of integrity and lawful

behaviour in daily business life. Any misconduct by the management has a knock Our management fulfils an exemplary function in daily professional life, even if it on effect on their employees. By setting a good example, we ensure the good



## "WHAT IS CONFIDENTIAL REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL"

#### **Dealing with confidential information**

business partners. We therefore ensure that confidential information is only reports and accounts are regarded as confidential information.

passed on to those persons who are authorised within the scope of their position. Our experiences and our knowledge are of great significance for the sustainable If we pass on confidential information to other persons, such an exchange of success of our company. We therefore treat confidential information of the HHLA information must be documented. Typically, trade and business secrets Group with the greatest care and protect it from unauthorised forwarding and (e.g. undisclosed information about customers, prices, sales, profit of a company abuse. This also applies to how we deal with the confidential information of our not already disclosed) as well as undisclosed figures and information from



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Insider information is a particular form of confidential information. This is of a quarter or fiscal year until two days after the publication of the respective confidential, undisclosed information which could significantly influence the quarterly or fiscal year results.

market price of shares if it became publicly known. The use of or passing on of When collecting, processing and using personal data, we take the greatest care this information can represent criminal insider action and result in imprisonment and comply in full with the applicable law so that nobody is impaired in their or fines. We therefore treat undisclosed information confidentially, do not use it private sphere by the handling of these data. We keep personal data safe and for private investment transactions or pass it on to friends, acquaintances, family take the necessary precautionary measures to ensure they are reliably secured members or other third parties. In order to prevent even the semblance of a against unauthorised access. They may only be collected, processed and used breach of the laws on insider tradining, we recommend employees not to effect insofar as this is necessary for a specifically defined purpose to properly fulfil a any transactions with HHLA shares generally in the three weeks before the end task. In case of doubt, your competent data protection officer will support you.



# "WE ARE LEAD BY DILIGENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY WHEN **USING COMPANY PROPERTY"**

## Handling company property

fulfil our tasks. It is therefore in our common interest to treat with care the the responsible superior. provided furnishings, equipment, devices and IT facilities of the HHLA Group

and to protect them from premature aging, misuse, loss and theft. We do not use Company property and equipment should serve to support all of us to efficiently company property for private purposes without the express written consent of



# "WE WANT TO KEEP SETTING TRENDS WHEN IT COMES TO OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY"

Occupational health and safety, environmental protection & sustainability environment. We therefore take the necessary precautions at all workplaces to environmental protection in our respective division.

avoid damage to health and the environment and ensure that the existing The HHLA Group recognises its responsibility for sustainable economic environmental protection and occupational health and safety provisions are operational management. We strive not to inflict damage either on people or the observed. Each of us is jointly responsible for occupational health and safety and



# "WE APPROACH OUR RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES WITH FORESIGHT AND PRUDENCE"

## **Dealing with public authorities**

maintained. If there are official inquiries which go beyond routine information, authorities).

the legal department will be involved.

We communicate with public authorities only through the employees or This is the case in particular if there is contact with authorities which also have departments responsible for this. In this way, we ensure open communication the task of investigating and, where applicable, punishing violations of the which strives for cooperation, in which the interests of HHLA are suitably applicable law (e.g. police, public prosecutor's office and competition



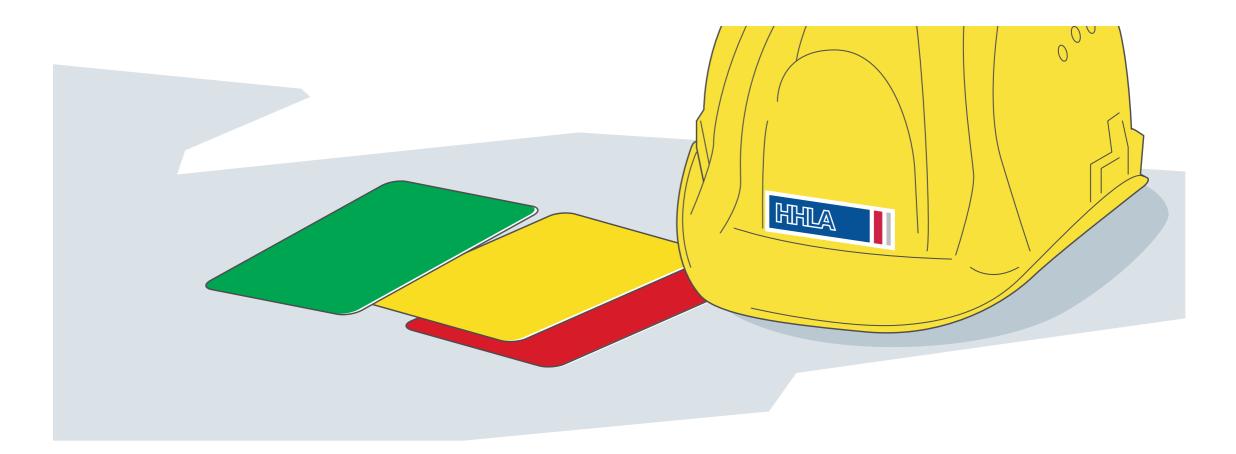
## "SEEKING DIALOGUE AND EXPRESSING CONCERNS PUTS YOU ON THE RIGHT TRACK"

#### Behaviour in case of violations

simpler to stay out of things, but the potential damage can become even greater will be averted. as a result of this. It is therefore important that each of us calls a spade a spade. The company ensures that employees who provide information about when problems arise. We expect that each employee who is in doubt or has occurrences in good faith will not suffer any disadvantages from this. All reservations regarding their own behaviour, or if there are indications of doubtful communications will be treated confidentially and can also be made anonymous-

advice and help from their respective superior or the compliance officer. Only Openly addressing abuses and misconduct is not always an easy task. Often it is then is there the possibility that support will be provided and (further) damages

occurrences which could mean a violation of the Code of Conduct, will seek ly. This also applies to notifications and hints submitted to us by third parties.



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## Observing the principles of conduct

implemented according to the customary rules.

If employment law measures are also considered in the case of a breach of the Breaches of the Code of Conduct have consequences. They can lead to Code of Conduct, the HR Department will be involved. It initiates and takes employment law, civil law and criminal law sanctions. Sanctions will be responsibility for employment law measures, where applicable, and ensures the proper involvement of the particular responsible works council.



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