# **Code of Business Standards and Ethics**

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# 1. Introduction

The central purpose of Steamship's Code of Business Standards and Ethics is to provide the basis on which policies, particularly those relevant to HR and Financial Crime, ensure a high level of moral conduct and appropriate corporate governance.

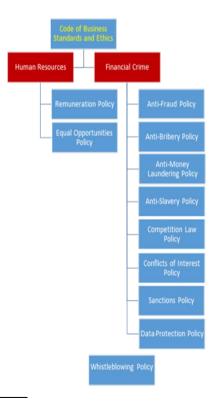
## 2. Statement of Business Standards and Ethics

Steamship:

- i. complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in the countries in which it operates;
- ii. maintains procedures which prevent confidential information from being misused.
- iii. upholds high standards of professional and moral conduct in all aspects of its business, particularly in its dealings with members, Staff<sup>1</sup>, brokers and suppliers;
- iv. maintains a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of financial crime, and in particular
- v. a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption underpinned by a commitment to act professionally, fairly and with integrity in business dealings and relationships, implementing and enforcing effective anti-bribery systems.

# 3. Policy Structure Chart

The following chart sets out the major elements of the Steamship policy suite which combine to provide Steamship's approach to business standards and ethics. They provide the control framework that ensures adherence to those standards.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All Steamship directors, officers and employees

The headline objectives of each of these policies are as follows:

#### i. Human Resources

#### **Remuneration Policy**

- Steamship maintains a working environment that provides appropriate remuneration, including benefits, training and opportunities for personal development; and
- recognises diversity in recruitment and dealings with Staff members.

### Equal Opportunities Policy

• Steamship is intolerant of discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation.

### ii. Financial Crime

#### **Anti-Fraud Policy**

- Internal Fraud: Steamship is sensitive to the risk of internal fraud and has suitable controls in place including disciplinary procedures.
- External Fraud: Steamship ensures any payments made in its dealings with foreign public officials, governments and regulators are appropriate, reasonable and bona fide.

### Anti-Money Laundering Policy

 Steamship ensures that Staff maintain the highest possible standards of honesty and integrity in business relationships with Members, correspondents and service providers.

## **Anti-Bribery Policy**

- Steamship enforces a Zero Tolerance Policy towards bribery and corruption and has sufficient procedures in place to counter bribery; and
- checks all charitable contributions, sponsorships, gifts, hospitality, or expenses are reasonable and proportionate and are not offered secretly without the approval of donor and recipient companies.

### **Anti-Slavery Policy**

 Steamship enforces a Zero Tolerance Policy towards modern slavery and human trafficking, and prohibits the presence of slavery or human trafficking in connection with Steamship business or any of its supply chains.

#### **Competition Law Policy**

 Steamship ensures all Staff comply with all competition legislation with industry participants or business competitors, including the International Group Competition Law Guidelines.

### **Conflicts of Interest Policy**

• Steamship identifies and manages potential Conflicts of Interest by referring to the Register of Interests and the Staff Handbook; and

 ensures there are no conflicts of duty when handling claims by referring to the SIMSL Conflicts of Interest Procedures.

## **Data Protection Policy**

• Steamship processes data in compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation and other relevant laws and regulations.

### **Sanctions Policy and Due Diligence Guidelines**

- Steamship complies with UK, Bermudian, E.U. and U.S sanctions legislation /regulations to ensure that no business is conducted with a sanctioned entity.
- Steamship has in place systems and controls to prevent infringements of Sanctions legislation.

Finally, in order to encourage Staff to speak up about wrongdoing in the workplace, there is the

## iii. Whistleblowing Policy:

- Potential breaches of any of the above HR or Financial Crime Policies will be treated in confidence and investigated by the Whistleblowing Champion and/or the HR Manager.
- Any false allegations made in bad faith will, be dealt with under Steamship's disciplinary procedure.
- Any Staff member who is found to have committed an act in breach of this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
- All Staff must report details of any proposed transaction or any information that comes to their attention in the course of their business activities which appears suspicious to their line manager and/or other appropriate person(s) in accordance with the Whistleblowing Policy. If the matter appears to be more serious and/or suggests in their opinion, knowledge or suspicion of a financial crime, it must be immediately reported to a SIMSL Director and/or to the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Officer.

Alternatively, if the Staff member feels that it would be preferable not to raise the issue in that way for any other reason, one of the following should be contacted:

- The Whistleblowing Champion;
- The HR Manager;
- The Executive Chairman; or
- any of the listed public whistleblowing bodies.

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