Compliance



# **Basic Approach and Policies**

Corporate activities are closely interlinked with various laws and public systems such as those related to the environment, labor, and consumer protection.

Corporate activities must be carried out in compliance with these laws and systems. MITSUBISHI MOTORS recognizes that the failure to appropriately comply with these laws, regulations, and systems would not only impede its business continuity, but would also place significant burdens on society and the environment.

In order to fulfill its social responsibilities as a company by not only complying with laws, international rules, and internal regulations but also by respecting changing social norms to the greatest degree possible, we have issued a "Global Code of Conduct" to serve as a standard of conduct for all executives and employees. We are also redoubling our efforts to enhance our compliance framework and employee training, including those at our major affiliates in Japan and overseas. We review the "Global Code of Conduct" as necessary. In 2019, we made revisions to clarify our policy on respect for human rights and anti-corruption initiatives.

# MITSUBISHI MOTORS Global Code of Conduct

## [Principle]

MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group Companies (collectively herein referred to as "MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group" or "Company") have set this Global Code of Conduct that all MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group executives and employees must follow in order to fulfill our social responsibilities as a company.

This Global Code of Conduct applies to all MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group executives and employees. Each member of the Company is charged with responsibility to comply this Global Code of Conduct.

## 1. Comply with all Laws and Rules

We shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the country where the Company conducts business as well as all Company policies and rules.

## 2. Promote Safety

We shall maintain and promote a healthy work environment, and engage in safe work practices. We are also committed to ensuring the safety of our customers and passengers, and continually promoting the safety of products.

## 3. Avoid Conflict of Interest

We shall act in the best interests of the Company, and shall not behave, act, or use any information contrary to the Company's interests. Furthermore, we shall strive to avoid any conduct that may be considered a conflict of interest.

## 4. Prohibit Association with Anti-Social Forces

We shall never have any association with anti-social forces whatsoever. We shall not participate in acts of terrorism, drug dealings, money laundering, and other individual or organized criminal activities.

## 5. Preserve Company Assets

We shall safeguard the Company's assets, and shall never use the said assets, including funds, confidential business information, physical properties and intellectual properties without permission.

## 6. Be Impartial and Fair

We shall maintain impartial and fair relationship with public servants as well as business partners, including dealers, suppliers, and other third parties. We shall not participate in or endorse any corrupt practices including bribery, directly or indirectly such as through a third party.

## 7. Be Transparent and Accountable

We shall maintain accounts and records relating to corporate management with integrity, and disclose Company's business activities fairly and transparently to our stakeholders, including shareholders, customers, employees, and local communities with timely and properly manner.

## 8. Respect Human Rights and Diversity, Provide Equal Opportunity

We shall respect the human rights and diversity of suppliers, customers, other executives, colleagues, and local communities. We shall never tolerate discrimination, retaliation or harassment in any form or degree.

## 9. Be Environmentally Responsible

We shall strive to take into consideration environmental conservation when developing products and providing services, and promote recycling, as well as resource and energy savings.

#### 10. Be Active and Report Violations

We shall carry out our work in accordance with this Global Code of Conduct. When we have come to know any violation of this Global Code of Conduct, we shall immediately report it to the Company, and the executives and employees who have come forward with such information based on their own beliefs shall be infallibly protected from any form of retaliation.







# Management Structure

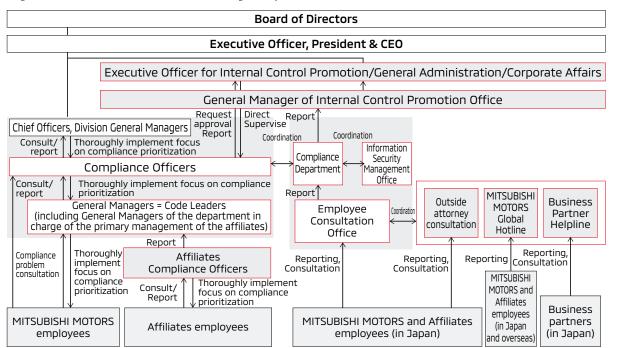
At MITSUBISHI MOTORS, to prevent compliance infractions and information security incidents, under the direction of the Executive Officer for Internal Control Promotion/General Administration/Corporate Affairs each division appoints a compliance officer, and department heads serve as code leaders.

Compliance officers work closely with the code leaders to prevent compliance violations within their departments. When a compliance violation occurs, compliance officers take corrective actions, measures to prevent recurrence and confirm its effectiveness, and implement horizontal dissemination, then report to the Executive Officer for Internal Control. Major subsidiaries and associates in Japan and overseas also appoint compliance officers. To help prevent compliance infractions, we have established and operated MITSUBISHI MOTORS Global Hotline since FY2018.

The Board of Directors is provided with regular reports on these compliance structures, efforts related to education and the formulation or revision of the Global Code of Conduct, as well as the status of any compliance infractions and their countermeasures.

In the event of a major incident, an emergency response organization is set up in accordance with the emergency response manual, and a system is in place to ensure that an appropriate response is taken.

As for internal controls related to financial reporting, we verify compliance structures and proce-



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dures for financial summaries. If inadequate controls are found at us being evaluated, we request reporting on the nature of the problem and improvements being made. In FY2023, we checked the status of 19 Group companies (MITSUBISHI MOTORS, 6 domestic subsidiaries, and 12 overseas affiliates).

In FY2023, we experienced no serious compliance infractions that might damage our credibility with customers, investors, or other parties.

# Establishment of Internal and External Consultation Offices

To prevent and promptly detect improper conduct, MITSUBISHI MOTORS has established an internal consultation office (Employee Consultation Office) allowing employees of us or its subsidiaries and associates in Japan to report or consult about such conduct. We have set up an external consultation office, the "MMC Hotline," staffed by outside attorneys, as well as the MITSUBISHI MOTORS Global Hotline, accessible to employees both in Japan and overseas. We have also established a Business Partner Helpline designated to be used by our business partners in Japan.

In a survey we conducted in February 2023 to promote the early detection and prevention of compliance violations, 93.7% of the approximately 5,000 employees who participated in the survey indicated that they were "aware of the hotlines."

In FY2023, these offices fielded 104 reports or consultations. Offices endeavor to swiftly resolve issues raised in reports and consultations after first seeking to confirm the facts through an investigation by the Employee Consultation Office or by enlisting the assistance of relevant compliance officers. Any

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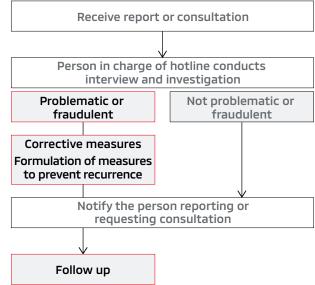
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reports or consultations that raise concerns about compliance issues or corporate risks are immediately reported to the Executive Officer for Internal Control and Audit Committee Members. After receiving instructions on how to respond, offices endeavor to resolve the issues. When we receive a report or consultation via a hotline, we promptly conduct an interview or other investigation. If a violation is found, an incident report is filed, and corrective measures and measures to prevent recurrence are implemented.



In handling such information and in investigating the relevant facts, we established our "Compliance-Oriented Whistleblowing Operation Procedure" and made company personnel aware of the provision in order to ensure that persons who seek consultation are not treated unfairly.

"The MITSUBISHI MOTORS Global Hotline" established in FY2018 was set up within an outside

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corporate/business proposals	2
Workplace environment	19
Labor relations	3
Human relations/harassment	40
Compliance, violations of operational rules, fraud	32
Others	7

Out of total 104 reports and consultations received in FY2023, the results of the investigation revealed 6 cases of compliance problems, including violations of laws and regulations and harassment. We instructed the relevant departments to promptly take corrective actions and confirmed that they were implemented without fail.

# Education and Training

Every fiscal year we formulate compliance-related education and training programs, and offer them to employees stratified by each job rank. Each division also draws up and conducts its own measures under the direction of the compliance officer.

Specifically, in order to improve the compliance awareness of all employees, when new graduates or mid-career recruits join us, they receive training regarding our history of compliance problems and the lessons to be learned from it. This training is repeated when employees are given promotions, helping reinforce employees' sense of compliance. Furthermore, similar training is also offered in some Japanese subsidiaries, fostering such sense for the group as a whole.

We also provide all our employees with e-learning opportunities, including courses on the basics of compliance, as well as education on information security, the so-called "36 Agreement" and other aspects of employment management.

On and around Safety Pledge Days,\* each individual division voluntarily holds events to reaffirm the day's significance. Workplace discussions are also held at the same time to talk about business ethics issues faced in the workplace and workplace culture.

In addition, we provide easy-to-understand compliance-related information by posting a Compliance Newsletter on our intranet every month.

In addition to the above, as a measure to raise awareness further, in FY2023 we hosted a lecture on business and human rights, given by an outside expert. Assertive communication training by outside instructors was provided to managers at the department manager level and above to help improve workplace management. Outside instructors also provided communication training to newly appointed managers to enhance workplace communication and support remote work.

\* To prevent past incidents, such as the regrettable recall coverup, from being forgotten over time, in October 2004 we designated January 10 and October 19 as "Safety Pledge Days." These days were chosen because two fatal accidents involving large trucks manufactured by Mitsubishi Fuso, a former MITSUBISHI MOTORS division, occurred on these days.





# Anti-Corruption

## **Policies and Approach**

The "Global Code of Conduct" clearly stipulates that MITSUBISHI MOTORS executives and employees shall comply with laws and regulations and shall maintain fair and equitable relationships with public servants and business partners. Moreover, we have built and operate a system that is designed to prevent corruption.

## Management Structure

We implement e-learning programs for all employees to familiarize them with the Global Code of Conduct and allows them to review the code at any time by distributing pamphlets containing this code and posting it to a smartphone app (for managers and above). We also communicate the code across the group, distributing the pamphlets to subsidiaries and associates in Japan, and in electronic form to subsidiaries and associates overseas.

We have formulated the "MITSUBISHI MOTORS GLOBAL ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY" as a global guideline for the prevention of bribery and corrupt practices. This policy states clearly that we tolerate absolutely no bribery or corrupt practices. In our efforts to reinforce measures for preventing bribery and corrupt practices throughout the Group, we require subsidiaries and associates in Japan and overseas to comply with the same policies. We also ask our suppliers, contractors, procurement partners, dealers and outside agents to comply with applicable laws and regulations related to bribery and with individual companies' anti-bribery policies.

In particular, we have formulated control regulations and operational standards on the provision and receipt of gifts or business entertainment for public servants, prohibiting the improper provision of such gifts or business entertainment to public servants or their receipt from public servants. When providing gifts or business entertainment to public servants, a preemptive application must be made to the general manager of the Legal Department, and must be provided only if approval is received. We have put in place management and operational standards in addition to those for public servants. These standards expressly prohibit the provision of gifts or business entertainment that is illegal or goes beyond generally accepted bounds and the receipt of illicit payoffs. In addition to this, we provide guidelines for the scope of exceptions to the above and make filing of an application compulsory to ensure transparency. In case these standards are violated, a system is in place for internal reporting and the formulation and implementation of measures to prevent recurrence.

Since many employees in sales sites directly handle money with customers, there is a heightened risk of improper conduct such as embezzlement. At our domestic sales subsidiaries we conduct regular education and training to instill thorough awareness of our compliance policies and prevent improper activity. Each sales subsidiary implements site audits regularly. As part of our internal auditing of affiliated companies in Japan, our Internal Audit Division also conducts operational audits of domestic sales subsidiaries. Audit results are reported to our President & CEO, and the results are also shared with our Domestic Sales Division. We follow up the progress of action plans for improvement. We work to thoroughly prevent corruption at overseas subsidiaries and associates by assigning oversight to their executives and employees. Prior to their appointment, we provide training on legal risks, including the prohibition and prevention of corruption.

When conducting audits of overseas subsidiaries, our Internal Audit Division also verifies the progress of efforts to prevent bribery and other corrupt practices.

In FY2023, no fine or any other punishment was imposed on us by regulatory authorities for corrupt practices. No executives and employees have been disciplined for corrupt practices.

# Political Involvement (Political Contributions)

We respect the requirements set forth in the Global Code of Conduct to "comply with all laws and rules," "be impartial and fair" and "be transparent and accountable," and maintain appropriate relationship with politics.

Recognizing that reasonable expenditures are required to appropriately maintain a democratic government, we consider making political contributions to be one aspect of its social responsibility. When making such contributions, we do so in accordance with the Public Offices Election Act, the Political Funds Control Act, and other laws and regulations related to politics. We also ensure to follow our own internal rules for approval.

In FY2023, we donated ¥13.9 million to the People's Political Association.

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# **Information Security**

MITSUBISHI MOTORS recognizes its social responsibility to adequately protect its important information assets (information and the IT systems, equipment, media, facilities, and products that handle this information) in the course of its business activities in order to gain the trust of all its stakeholders. We are promoting the following information security measures.

- Putting in place and reviewing internal regulations related to information security
- Strengthening management of information assets and measures to counter ransomware due to malware infections and cyber attacks
- Regularly conducting drills based on the assumption of an incident at CSIRT\*, the organization that prevents security incidents and responds promptly to incidents when they do occur
- Providing employees with e-learning about information security, e-mail-based training, and alerts via our intranet
- Monitoring information security activities by the Information Security Committee
- \*CSIRT: Computer Security Incident Response Team

# **Protection of Personal Information**

Based on our Privacy Policy, we have built a management framework by establishing internal rules and taking other measures. We also conduct ongoing education, such as through the use of e-learning for employees. In addition, rules on personal information protection are tend to be strengthened around the world. We coordinate with our bases in individual countries, putting in place systems to respond appropriately with their laws and regulations on the protection of personal information.

We did not receive any appeals related to breaches of customer privacy or loss of customer data in FY2023.

# Security Export Control

We sincerely believe in the importance of strict security export controls to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the excessive accumulation of conventional weapons in order to maintain international peace and security.

To conduct strict export controls, we have established "Security Export Control Regulations." We ensure the legality of our export transactions through our management system, with its the Security Export Control Committee, led by the Executive Officer, President & CEO, who serves as chief security export control officer.

# Approach to Taxation

We recognize that proper tax payment in all operating countries is one of key elements of corporate social responsibility for multinational companies.

We have established the following Global Tax Policy to promote tax compliance in business activities. In line with this policy, we have created a governance system and strive to maintain proper tax payments in compliance with international rules and national regulations.

## Global Tax Policy for MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group

## 1. Tax compliance

The MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group (hereinafter simply referred to as "MITSUBISHI MOTORS") pledges to pursue proper tax payments all over the world based on the "MITSUBISHI MOTORS Global Code of Conduct." This means MITSUBISHI MOTORS maintains appropriate and timely tax payments by understanding the intent and purpose of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Action Plan, which was developed and publicized by the OECD and G20 countries, as well as by complying with tax regulations in all countries and regions in which it conducts businesses, tax treaties, and other international tax regulations related to its business. In addition, MITSUBISHI MOTORS pledges not to use any tax havens or loopholes that are against the intentions and purposes of laws.

- 2. Corporate governance on tax matters
  - (1) MITSUBISHI MOTORS recognizes corporate governance on tax matters as an infrastructure to promote tax compliance and tax planning and, under the initiative of top management, pursues the optimization of governance systems to secure the accuracy and transparency of accounting and tax-related information.
  - (2) The MITSUBISHI MOTORS Group makes disclosures to all relevant taxation authorities and discloses appropriately and in a timely manner the BEPS transfer pricing documentation and other information required for submission by multinational enterprises.