In 2017 and early 2018, more than 210 compliance professionals attended the Supply Chain Summit Series to network and learn about tools and best practices they could use to manage their compliance programs in 2018 and beyond.

Over the course of the three Summits — held in London, Chicago and San Diego — attendees learned from industry experts and each other. Through panels and presentations hosted by industry thought leaders, they heard about trends and regulatory changes in product compliance and corporate social responsibility. They also participated in interactive workshops and networking activities, gaining insight into the way their peers managed their own compliance programs.

95% of 2017/18 attendees said they would recommend the conference to a colleague.
I attended all three of the Supply Chain Summit Series conferences in 2017–18, and each one was interesting, relevant and hands-on. I watched conference participants absorb information, connect with industry experts and network with peers. The conferences are valuable and I’d recommend them to any compliance professional.

— MICHAEL LITTEMBERG
ROPES & GRAY
The 2017–18 Supply Chain Summit Series focused on compliance trends in 2018 with learning sessions dedicated to regulatory updates.

**Top product compliance themes and attendee conversations surrounded:**

- Amendments to Article 6 of the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, better known as *Proposition 65*, which take effect on August 30, 2018.
- New restrictions in effect under the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Regulation for substances manufactured or sold in the UAE.
- Changes related to phthalate elimination under the European Union RoHS Directive.

**In the corporate social responsibility sessions, themes and audience engagement included:**

- How do I prevent bribery in my supply chain?
- How do I ensure suppliers are respecting human rights?
- How are others managing risk throughout their supply chains?
- What is changing in global conflict minerals regulations and what are some best practices I can implement in my programs?
In networking sessions and hands-on workshops, attendees had the opportunity to share common challenges and best practices. The topics they discussed included:

- How to champion compliance programs and get internal buy-in.
- The ways they gained the support of major stakeholders within organizations.
- What types of learning sessions and events they attend throughout the year.
- Best practices to comply with existing regulations and laws.

The Supply Chain Summit Series was a rare occasion where I forced myself to push the pause button on everything going on at the office so I could really focus on the conference. The series offered me relevant information in a manner that I haven’t found anywhere else. The knowledge I gained was well worth the backlog of emails that accumulated while I was out of office. Choosing to attend was a valuable investment of my time.

— BEN GROSS
MICROCHIP

100% of 2017–18 attendees said the relevance and timeliness of topics were good, very good or excellent.
The 2017–18 Supply Chain Summit Series sparked discussions and educated compliance professionals. At each Summit, industry experts discussed key trends and changes to regulations in product compliance and corporate social responsibility. One hundred percent of survey respondents said they would recommend this event to a colleague.

If you weren't able to make it to one of the 2017–18 Summits, there's still a chance to experience the top rated presentations from the conference. We've compiled a six-part webinar series of encore presentations, so you can get an idea of the educational opportunities available at the Summits.

To register for any or all of these webinars, please visit assentcompliance.com/events.

Recordings and slides will be shared with all registrants following the webinar.
BUILDING YOUR TECHNICAL FILE

At the Supply Chain Summit Series, Peter Wheeldon presented on technical files, a mandatory requirement for companies that want to sell products in the European Union. He outlined the critical steps involved in proving compliance and highlighted resources available to help companies navigate the complex series of laws required to meet the mark. In the Best of the Supply Chain Summit Series webinar series, Assent’s General Counsel, Travis Miller, will lead an encore presentation on this topic.

CAN YOU FIND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SLAVERY RISKS?

Ashley McIntyre, Assent’s Corporate Social Responsibility Analyst, joins Samuel Koda, Global Supply Chain Counsel for TE Connectivity, and Travis Campbell, Senior Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility at AMD, in a panel discussion on how to identify risks of human trafficking. They will also touch on current trends and best practices to combat human trafficking and slavery in supply chains.
GLOBAL CONFLICT MINERALS

Michael Littenberg, Partner at Ropes & Gray LLC, Ben Katz, ASM Sustainable Livelihoods Manager at Pact and Therese Deane, Senior Manager of Global Compliance & Quality Systems at MACOM, discuss how companies can take a global approach to conflict mineral programs.

ADDRESSING CSR: IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING

Jared Connors, Assent’s Senior Subject Matter Expert in CSR, and Shelly Gottschamer, Chief Sustainability Officer at Outerknown, discuss how standards can be used to streamline the CSR reporting process, touching on which types of data matter most and challenges in collecting data from the supply chain.
GLOBAL ROHS

Ben Gross, Compliance Counsel at Microchip Technology, Bruce Jarnot, Assent’s Senior Manager of Product Compliance discuss the emergence of global Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) regulations and how to minimize risk.

PROPOSITION 65: WHAT’S ON A LABEL?

Mario Fernandez, Staff Counsel at the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), explains changes to the labeling requirements under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, more commonly known as Proposition 65. Registrants will have the opportunity to hear from the OEHHA directly and learn how to comply with new requirements.
Boris Kamstra’s keynote presentation really reminded me why proper conflict mineral due diligence is so significant on a global scale. It’s easy to lose sight of why conflict mineral regulation compliance is so important, but the presentation really drove home why I do what I do, and why this work matters. I left the conference feeling inspired.

— JILL OTHOUDT
PENTAIR

Over the course of all three 2017–18 Supply Chain Summit Series conferences, industry leaders and program managers presented on various compliance-related topics. These speakers included:

- Johan Nouwen, European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
- Therese Deane, MACOM
- Mark Hunting, BP
- John Hunter, Caterpillar
- Sam Koda, TE Connectivity
- Emily Kasparov, Chicago Stock Exchange
- Mario Fernandez, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
- Alyson Genovese, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- Larry Smith, GE Appliances, a Haier Company
- Boris Kamstra, Alphamin Resources Corp.
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