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Supply Chain Human Rights Risks and Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Human Rights Due Diligence in Taiwan

**Abstract :**

With the entry into force of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), and the U.S. Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), global supply chain human rights governance has gradually shifted from voluntary corporate social responsibility to mandatory legal obligations. As a critical supply chain node in key industries such as semiconductors, electronics manufacturing, and textile and footwear OEM production, Taiwan is facing compliance pressure regarding human rights due diligence (HRDD).

The Withhold Release Order (WRO) issued by U.S. Customs against a Taiwanese company last year further highlighted the systemic risks associated with Taiwan's migrant worker recruitment agency system in relation to forced labor issues.

In response to these risks, in addition to the ongoing deliberations on issuing human rights due diligence guidelines, Taiwanese government authorities are also planning to release guidelines for the prevention of forced labor to assist enterprises in identifying and mitigating forced labor risks. Beyond guidance from competent authorities, Taiwanese enterprises have also been proactively adopting zero recruitment fee policies, establishing HRDD mechanisms in accordance with OECD guidelines, and joining international initiatives such as the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA). Relevant industry associations have also launched HRDD initiatives to assist member companies in meeting international compliance requirements.

This presentation will provide an overview of the response measures adopted by Taiwanese government agencies, enterprises, and industry associations, and will explore the opportunities and challenges facing Taiwanese businesses amid the evolving international human rights compliance landscape. Participants will gain insights into current industry practices in Taiwan.