

## Sedex Virtual Assessment

The Virtual Assessment is an assessment tool for auditors to assess the performance of sites and workplaces remotely, using video technology.

The Virtual Assessment is aligned with SMETA, aiming to provide as much insight into working conditions at a site as possible, and covers the areas of labour standards, health and safety, business ethics and environment. The Virtual Assessment can provide a practical alternative where a SMETA audit cannot take place.

### How does the Virtual Assessment work?

The assessment is broken down into several key stages, including the initial request for a Virtual Assessment, through to conducting the assessment and providing an outcomes report with key findings at the site.



### Process and stages



## Key benefits of Virtual Assessment

- 1 Aligned with SMETA
- 2 Uses SMETA workflow on the Sedex Advance platform
- 3 Can be used for initial, follow-up or periodic audits
- 4 Can be used for announced audits
- 5 Can be used for sites with 500 workers
- 6 Can be undertaken in 2 or 4 SMETA pillar format.

## Essential requirements to conduct a Virtual Assessment

For a Sedex Virtual Assessment to proceed, the site must be able to meet all of the requirements set out in the Essential Parameters below.

### Technology

- Stable Wi-Fi network
- A smartphone/tablet with a microphone and a working camera
- The software downloaded that will be used to conduct the assessment
- Agreement to share live GPS coordinates of the site for the assessment

### Site commitment

- Provide documentation for preparation ahead of the assessment date
- Formal acceptance of the full assessment process
- A detailed site map

### Operational aspects

- All areas of the site must be accessible to visit, unless electronic devices are forbidden to enter
- The site is running at sufficient capacity for the auditor to gain a full picture of the site
- Internet connectivity across all areas

### Site history

- Must not have any known issue with site transparency, coaching or bribery.