Global Index: Instant Supply Chain Prioritisation

Automated Portfolio Segmentation at the Point of Upload

Organisations require immediate, non-intrusive visibility across multi-tiered supply chains. Serving as an abstract, high-level indicator, the Global Index delivers a real-time indicator directly within the supplier data upload workflows on the NQC platform. Built on the OECD Due Diligence framework, this approach fulfills regulatory due diligence requirements while maintaining full operational discretion.

When supplier data is uploaded into the platform, automated entity and location resolution takes place. Once a supplier entity is successfully validated, the Global Index is triggered, instantly overlaying an abstract indicator (High, Medium, or Low) directly in the user interface. This automated pre-engagement signal enables procurement and sustainability teams to segment global supplier lists at a glance, allocate internal resources efficiently, and determine the appropriate and proportionate due diligence pathways.

Simplified Methodology: Precision without Complexity

The Global Index evaluates suppliers against 59 ESG indicator dimensions, converting complex global reference datasets into a clear, single indicator from 0 to 100:

- Location Baseline: Evaluates regional and national ESG background context.
- Industry Profile: Maps specific sector profiles directly to supplier NACE industry codes.
- Proportional Scaling: Adjusts scores based on EU enterprise size definitions (weighted 0.7 to 1.0) so smaller entities are not held to disproportionate corporate standards.
- Smart Indicator Matching: Ensures location context is only applied where relevant to the supplier's actual industrial activities.
- Critical Priority Focus: Rather than letting strong performance in one area mask severe exposure in another, the calculation prioritises the most critical indicators

Actionable Insights Across Platform Modules & Assessment Pathways

The Global Index serves as a clear decision-support flag to guide you on next steps across the suite of services available on the NQC platform:

- 0 – 33 (Low Index Flag): Recommended for continuous background monitoring and global news tracking with SURVEIL.
- 34 – 66 (Medium Index Flag): Recommended for SURVEIL and targeted supplier assessments using the SAQ or regulatory specific questionnaires in ASSURE.
- 67 – 100 (High Index Flag): Recommended for SURVEIL, ASSURE and deep due diligence using MINEai or MAP, to achieve upstream product traceability.