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Introduction

With today's increasingly globalized economy, companies increasingly depend on global supply chains in order to meet consumer expectations and remain competitive. But with global supply chains come increased concern about social and environmental effects of such networks of complex supply. As part of their response, more companies are adopting supplier engagement programs that prioritize transparency and responsible practices throughout their supply chains. This White Paper discusses the significance of supplier engagement for creating more eco-friendly and ethical supply chains, with particular attention being given to strategies and best practices companies can implement to engage their suppliers effectively. By considering these key insights into supplier engagement it becomes possible to appreciate how it contributes to more responsible business practices that benefit all involved parties involved in its use.

Definition of Supplier Engagement

Supplier engagement refers to an active participation by suppliers in fulfilling a company's business requirements responsibly and ethically. It involves collaborative efforts between both parties involved to promote ethical and environmentally sound practices within their supply chains. Overall, supplier engagement involves forging strategic alliances with suppliers to form an ethical supply chain management framework. Partnership can create an efficient supply chain with improved tracking of materials and products that reduce risks such as environmental harm, social issues and reputational harm. Good supplier engagement can bring many other benefits as well, including increased efficiency, quality, and innovation in the supply chain. Furthermore, effective supplier engagement benefits both companies and their suppliers equally creating more responsible and sustainable supply chains overall.

Importance of Transparency and Accountability in Supply Chain Management

Today's interdependent and globalized world demands transparent and responsible supply chains as essential ingredients of successful businesses. Transparent supply chains enable companies to identify and address potential environmental and social risks within their supply chains, while responsible supply chains ensure ethical and sustainable practices are applied throughout. Transparency and responsibility within supply chains can boost any company's standing among consumers and investors who increasingly prioritize social and environmental considerations when considering business ventures. Transparent and responsible supply chains can contribute to cost savings through improved efficiency, reduced waste production and decreased risks thus the importance of engaging suppliers and partners to promote transparency, responsibility, and sustainability within supply chains.

Purpose of White Paper

This White Paper seeks to highlight the value of supplier engagement in creating transparent and responsible supply chains. As of late, ethical issues as well as human rights violations in global supply chains have increased significantly in concern. Companies face increasing pressure from consumers, investors, and government agencies to guarantee that their products are produced under fair and safe working conditions. Companies need to engage their suppliers actively to monitor working conditions, enforce labor standards and promote sustainability. According to this White Paper, supplier engagement is crucial for managing risks, improving performance, and building an impactful supply chain that benefits all stakeholders.

Compliance with legal requirements and ethical standards remains one of the primary challenges for companies when engaging with suppliers. This factor becomes particularly crucial in industries where suppliers might operate from countries with weaker regulatory environments or where labor exploitation may be prevalent. Companies looking to ensure responsible and transparent practices throughout their supply chains should implement an

extensive system for supplier monitoring and auditing, which may involve regular on-site visits, independent audits, and third-party certification. Companies should strive to engage their suppliers collaboratively and constructively rather than simply imposing requirements upon them. This may involve working collaboratively on action plans with suppliers to address areas of noncompliance as well as supporting any necessary changes they implement by taking an engaged approach towards supplier management, companies can work towards more sustainable and socially responsible supply chains.

Importance of Supplier Engagement in Supply Chains

Responsible and sustainable supply chains require active supplier engagement; by including them in decision making processes and communicating expectations and goals to them, companies can ensure they meet ethical and social standards. Engaging suppliers creates a sense of accountability and shared responsibility; suppliers become active partners in driving positive changes throughout their respective industry. Engaging suppliers gives companies an opportunity to educate them on new practices and technologies that may increase efficiency while cutting costs, all with increasing transparency demands and ethical sourcing demands. Given these considerations, supplier engagement will only become increasingly essential going forward. Lack of supplier engagement can have serious negative repercussions for businesses, including noncompliance with regulations and legal action against suppliers. Therefore, companies should prioritize supplier engagement to ensure sustainable and responsible supply chains management.

Role of Suppliers in Supply Chains

Supply chains play an invaluable role in any organization's operations, providing it with necessary raw materials, products, and services to satisfy customer demands. Suppliers play a central role in overseeing production and distribution, so their performance directly affects the effectiveness of supply chains. Effective supplier engagement enables organizations to optimize potential benefits from partnerships, enhance reputations through transparency and form long-term relationships that foster mutual growth and success. In a global economy where supply chains may often span multiple borders and countries, supplier engagement should be seen as essential component for companies committed to responsible and sustainable practices.

Challenges Facing Suppliers and Supply Chains

One of the greatest difficulties confronting suppliers and supply chains today is visibility and traceability. Due to global supply chains' complex nature, it can be challenging for suppliers to comprehend all aspects of their activities that impact on either human rights or environmental sustainability. Additionally, suppliers often depend on other suppliers and subcontractors as key partners; making it harder to ensure all parties adhere to responsible and ethical practices. Lack of visibility and control exposes suppliers to reputational damage as well as financial loss if any problems surface further down in their supply chains. Therefore, suppliers must implement robust monitoring and reporting systems in order to promote transparency and accountability throughout.

Advantages of Supplier Engagement

Engagement with suppliers offers numerous advantages for companies. First and foremost, supplier engagement helps organizations reduce supply chain risks by identifying and addressing any ethical, environmental, or social concerns in the supply chain. Supplier engagement can lead to innovation and cost reduction by working in collaboration with suppliers to identify opportunities for process optimization, new product creation and value engineering. Engaged suppliers tend to be more accommodating and responsive to changing demand, leading to improved product quality and delivery times. Supply chain engagement creates an inclusive and collaborative atmosphere between companies and their suppliers that strengthens relationships for long-term partnerships and improved business results. Therefore, supplier engagement should be part of responsible supply chain management as both companies and suppliers' benefit.

Supplier engagement is crucial to creating transparent and responsible supply chains. Companies should work closely with their suppliers to ensure ethical and sustainable practices are being applied throughout their supply chains. Attaining this goal requires regular communication and collaboration among team members as well as setting clear expectations and metrics for measuring progress. Additionally, companies should prioritize

creating lasting relationships with their suppliers as this will foster an atmosphere of shared responsibility and accountability for ethical sourcing practices. Success of supply chain sustainability initiatives depends on all suppliers working in concert to deliver positive outcomes, hence the necessity of effective engagement and collaboration for optimal results.

Promoting Sustainable Supplier Engagement Practices

Engaging suppliers to promote sustainable practices across their supply chains may prove challenging yet is essential for companies committed to responsible business practices. Establish supplier codes of conduct as one effective approach, to communicate expectations and establish guidelines and standards for supplier behavior. Companies often conduct sustainability training sessions for suppliers to encourage them to adhere to environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles. Rewarding sustainable practices and penalizing noncompliance can encourage suppliers to adhere to a company's sustainability goals, and collaborative relationships between businesses and suppliers may yield innovative solutions and knowledge sharing. Finally, companies can assess supplier sustainability performance through audits, independent certifications or assessments using ESG benchmarks. Sustainable supplier engagement practices allow businesses to increase sustainability while mitigating risks and developing responsible supply chains.

Transparency and Disclosure

Transparency and disclosure are fundamental aspects of developing sustainable supply chains that operate responsibly and sustainably. As part of their effort to address social and environmental concerns associated with global supply chains, companies need to provide accurate and detailed information to their stakeholders regarding their operations. Through transparent reporting and open communications channels, businesses can improve relationships with suppliers, customers, investors, and regulatory authorities.

Additionally, disclosure helps companies identify risks within their supply chains and take proactive measures to mitigate any detrimental impacts on communities or the environment. Finally, transparency and disclosure contribute to greater accountability and

trust between businesses and communities and facilitate building an economic ecosystem that prioritizes responsible practices and sustainable economies worldwide.

Collaboration and Communication

Effective supplier engagement demands strong collaboration and communication amongst all actors involved in the supply chain, so companies should set up clear channels of communication with their suppliers in order to foster dialogue and understanding between all involved. Companies may employ various mechanisms, including regular meetings, joint training programs and feedback mechanisms, to foster greater collaboration within their workforces. Successful communication requires adopting an open and transparent approach where companies share relevant details regarding operations, policies, and strategies with all their constituents. Companies benefit by engaging in such practices because it not only increases trust and mutual understanding among all parties involved but also strengthen accountability and responsibility among each actor involved. Effective collaboration and communication help create an ideal setting for supplier engagement efforts as well as responsible, sustainable supply chains.

Building Long-Term Relationships

Establishing and nurturing long-term relationships with suppliers can be made easier by giving them more insight into your company's strategies, goals, and anticipated rewards. Establishing trust, commitment, and collaboration among parties. As it's essential for any long-term relationship to flourish, both parties must invest the effort required in maintaining it in order to foster and uphold it. Companies may work closely with their suppliers to develop joint improvement programs that address key issues arising in quality improvements, production efficiency or sustainability. The closer their relationships are with one another, the higher is their likelihood that ethical and responsible behavior throughout their supply chains can be attained.

Ensuring Ethical Sourcing and Environmental Sustainability

Maintaining ethical sourcing practices and environmental sustainability are integral parts of creating a responsible supply chain for companies. This means procuring materials and products in ways which respect both human rights and the environment. To accomplish this objective, businesses must engage in responsible business practices and design policies that prioritize ethical sourcing and sustainability. Implement ethical sourcing audits, take environmental sustainability into consideration in procurement decisions and collaborate with suppliers to identify and mitigate any negative environmental impacts of their activities. Companies should promote transparency within their supply chains through regular reporting and communications with stakeholders, prioritizing ethical sourcing practices and environmental sustainability to create a responsible supply chain which protects human rights as well as environmental sustainability.

As is evident by these examples, supplier engagement is vital to creating transparent and responsible supply chains. By working alongside their vendors, businesses can more clearly assess supply chain risks while making smart sourcing decisions both of which contribute positively to business objectives. Transparency can be achieved by providing suppliers and their performance information and conducting audits or assessments, while at the same time encouraging suppliers to improve their social and environmental performance by way of contracts or support programs. Supplier engagement is necessary in creating supply chains that respect human rights, protect the environment, and deliver value for all stakeholders. It requires long-term commitment from both companies and suppliers as well as willingness to collaborate and learn from one another; but its rewards include improved brand reputation, reduced risks and an increase in customer loyalty.

The Business Case for Supplier Engagement

Engaging suppliers strategically has multiple business advantages. When they demonstrate transparent and responsible behavior, this creates a more reliable supply chain for any given organization. Through reduced waste, reduced product recalls, and enhanced efficiency, this strategy may even result in cost savings. Customers increasingly demand transparency and responsibility from companies they purchase from; by improving supplier engagement a business can build its brand name while simultaneously drawing in new and keeping current customers. At the core, suppliers who engage in responsible practices are less likely to encounter legal and regulatory issues that create risk for the businesses they supply, thus creating a competitive edge and leading to long-term success for businesses they supply. Overall, commitments made towards supplier engagement create competitive advantages for companies while leading to long-term success for business success.

Cost Savings and Efficiency Gains

One of the greatest advantages of supplier engagement for transparent and responsible supply chains lies in its potential cost savings and efficiency gains. Organizations can reduce risks related to supply chain disruptions caused by suppliers who do not comply with responsible business practices, including human rights abuses or environmental disasters, by working cooperatively with them on this front. Engagement with suppliers also allows companies to identify areas for improvement within their supply chains and implement strategies for greater efficiency, such as cutting waste or streamlining production processes. By investing in responsible supply chain practices, organizations can strengthen their brand image among socially aware customers, leading to higher profits and market share growth. Supplier engagement serves as an indispensable means of improving sustainability and competitiveness of modern businesses.

Enhance Risk Management

Enhancing supplier engagement to create transparent and accountable supply chains involves improved risk management. Supply chains are inherently complex systems comprised of numerous actors that present various risks ethical violations, environmental destruction, and financial instability among others. Effective supplier engagement can identify and address these risks, helping businesses reduce any negative consequences or avoid potential disruptions. Through working closely with suppliers and exchanging risk information, businesses can build more resilient supply chains capable of weathering any challenges more easily. Furthermore, including suppliers in risk management can increase accountability as well as incentivize improvement of practices such as worker safety, environmental sustainability, and human rights compliance.

Building Brand Trust and Customer Relationships

Engaging suppliers who operate transparent and responsible supply chains can have an immense impact on a business's brand image and customer loyalty. Consumers today are becoming more and more conscious of the effects their purchases are having on society and environment, expecting companies to demonstrate commitments towards sustainability through actions they take or promises they make. Partnering with suppliers who share these values and enacting responsible sourcing practices are two effective strategies that allow businesses to stand out as socially and environmentally conscious entities. Customers tend to support businesses whose values align with theirs, increasing customer loyalty and brand reputation in turn. Furthermore, companies can utilize sustainable sourcing practices as marketing strategies in order to attract environmentally aware consumers thereby expanding both reputation and customer base.

Meeting Regulatory Compliance

Meeting regulatory requirements is key to building transparent and responsible supply chains. Due to an increase in pressure from companies for ethical practices and sustainable supply chains, governments have started creating regulations and laws to enforce compliance. Regulations vary between countries and can cover topics including labor practices, environmental impact, and product safety. Businesses need to understand these regulations so as to avoid legal consequences as well as reputation damage to themselves and their brands. Meeting regulatory requirements helps companies demonstrate their dedication to responsible business practices and win over stakeholders such as investors and customers. Therefore, supplier engagement strategies should include measures designed to ensure compliance with relevant regulations.

Organizations looking for real sustainable results must move away from traditional buyer/supplier arrangements and establish cooperative partnerships with suppliers. Organizations can utilize supplier engagement as a strategy to not only ensure suppliers adhere to ethical and social standards but also create opportunities for innovation and efficiency. Engaging suppliers in sustainability efforts shouldn't be seen as a burdensome external imposition, but rather as an effort that brings mutual gains for all involved parties. By sharing information, conveying expectations, and working collaboratively on solutions with suppliers, organizations can more efficiently manage risks, enhance supplier performance, and build more transparent and responsible supply chains. Therefore, supplier engagement should be seen as essential component of any sustainable and socially responsible business strategy.

Examples of Successful Supplier Engagement Programs

Successful supplier engagement programs include SEDEX (the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange). SEDEX gives suppliers an avenue to share information regarding labor practices and social and environmental performance of suppliers. SEDEX also offers training programs and assessments designed to assist suppliers in optimizing their sustainability performance. Nike's Sustainable Manufacturing and Sourcing Index (SMSI), for example, measures suppliers' sustainability performance according to environmental, labor, health, and safety practices. SMSI also provides suppliers with scorecards and feedback, helping them identify areas for improvement. Walmart's Sustainability Index measures suppliers' sustainability performance while providing feedback and guidance to help enhance sustainability practices across supply chains. Overall, both programs demonstrate how engaging suppliers in sustainability efforts can drive change within supply chains as a whole.

Nestle's Cocoa Plan

An outstanding example of supply chain sustainability practices can be seen through Nestle's Cocoa Plan, launched in 2009 with the intent to enhance both cocoa farmers' lives and quality cocoa bean production. Nestle has pledged its commitment to sustainable cocoa by using only cocoa that has been sustainably certified by either Rainforest Alliance or UTZ certification bodies, both which verify that farmers treat the environment, farmworkers, and local communities with due care and consideration. Additionally, The Cocoa Plan has adopted various initiatives designed to foster sustainable farming practices such as teaching farmers about proper crop maintenance techniques, improving access to farming inputs and offering premium prices for sustainably produced cocoa beans produced sustainably by smallholder farmers. All these efforts have helped strengthen cocoa supply chains while creating positive social and environmental results.

Patagonia's Common Threads Initiative

Outdoor apparel brand Patagonia launched the Common Threads Initiative to support more sustainable clothing production and usage practices in 2011. The Patagonia Take Back Initiative is an effort that seeks to reduce waste and promote circular economy by inviting customers to recycle old Patagonia apparel through an established take-back system. Patagonia's Common Threads Initiative also encourages customers to reduce consumption by repairing rather than purchasing clothing and thereby reduce wasteful expenditure on new items. Furthermore, this initiative promotes responsible sourcing practices such as using sustainable materials and fair labor practices for materials procurement and labor practices. Patagonia's Common Threads Initiative promotes transparency within their supply chains by encouraging suppliers to disclose environmental and social impacts for improved accountability, as well as promote eco-friendly materials in production processes. By leading with responsible fashion practices through this program, they're leading by example for other fashion businesses to follow.

Walmart's Sustainability Index

Walmart stands out as an organization which takes an innovative and forward-looking approach to transparency and sustainability by creating their Sustainability Index in 2009. This index measures various sustainability indicators across products sold at all Walmart stores worldwide. The Sustainability Index assesses suppliers on aspects like energy and climate impact, material efficiency and social responsibility. This initiative has fostered an environment of sustainability within Walmart while also inspiring other companies to do the same. Walmart's Sustainability Index has proven successful at improving sustainability practices among their suppliers and increasing product transparency for customers searching for more eco-friendly goods. It serves as an important way to foster responsible supply chains while serving as an example for other companies' pursuit of sustainability goals.

Apple's Supplier Responsibility Program

Apple sets an industry-wide precedent in supply chain responsibility through their Supply Chain Integrity Program, striving to uphold core values such as respecting human rights, protecting the environment, and adhering to ethical business practices. Our company adheres to stringent supplier conduct requirements, such as fair wages, safe working environments and nondiscriminatory hiring practices. Apple also conducts regular audits to monitor compliance with their program, while providing suppliers with training and assistance that helps boost their performance. Apple prioritizes transparency and accountability throughout their supply chains to create an environment which supports workers, communities and the planet while still meeting business success objectives. Their Supplier Responsibility Program represents responsible corporate citizenship ideals while setting an example for other companies to follow suit.

Companies should establish clear and effective communication channels with their suppliers to establish clear expectations about sustainability goals and expectations while actively seeking feedback and input from them. Conducting surveys or meetings with suppliers regularly can help identify areas for potential improvement and foster collaboration towards meeting sustainability objectives. Companies should ensure supply chains are transparent by giving suppliers visibility into their own performance as well as sharing relevant sustainability data and information with them. By creating strong, open relationships between suppliers and fostering collaborative problem-solving and transparency practices within companies' supply chains, more sustainable and responsible supply chains can emerge.

Barriers and Limitations to Supplier Engagement

Even with all its advantages in creating more responsible and transparent supply chains, supplier engagement still faces certain hurdles and limitations. One such hindrance could be suppliers being unwilling to participate or having difficulty engaging effectively with one or more parties involved in engagement efforts. An additional challenge arises from a lack of standardization in supplier engagement practices, leading to inconsistent results and making it hard for stakeholders to compare suppliers' performances. Supplier engagement programs may present certain organizations with difficulties due to cost and resource requirements for implementation; especially small and mid-sized enterprises (SMBs). Furthermore, enforcement of supplier compliance can require significant time and energy expenditure from both staff members and management alike. Yet regardless of these challenges and restrictions, supplier engagement remains an invaluable way of supporting responsible supply chains.

Resistance from Suppliers

Supply chains need to be transparent and responsible; unfortunately, resistance from some suppliers to this idea often prevents this goal. One reason could be their fear that disclosure would expose their practices and invite public scrutiny and criticism. Another concern are the costs associated with new policies and practices, particularly for small to mid-sized businesses. Suppliers might resist changes since they see no immediate benefit to themselves from changing. Companies need to inform both suppliers and their selves about the advantages of transparency and responsible practices for both suppliers as well as customers and shareholders, providing resources and assistance during transition times as well as incentives to encourage desired behaviors and practices. To do this, businesses should communicate the advantages of such practices to both stakeholders.

Cultural and Language Barriers

Cultural barriers present an additional difficulty when trying to engage suppliers, as cultural norms and expectations regarding business practices and communication styles differ widely between regions or ethnic groups. Language barriers may obstruct effective communication and understanding between buyers and suppliers. Companies looking to address such challenges should invest in cultural and linguistic training programs for their staff as well as look for multilingual suppliers or employ translation services. Businesses should approach cultural and language differences with care and consideration, acknowledging their benefits to supply chains. Successfully managing cultural and language barriers may result in improved relationships and greater understanding between buyers and suppliers.

Implementation and Monitoring Challenges

Implementation and monitoring challenges related to supplier engagement programs require careful planning, clearly articulated goals, and commitment from all involved. One of the key challenges associated with implementation lies in making sure suppliers appreciate and are committed to transparency within the supply chain. Monitoring supplier performance in complex value chains with numerous suppliers and subcontractors is often challenging. Technology plays an essential part in monitoring and tracking supplier data; however, without effective data management systems in place to leverage its value fully. Effective monitoring requires an open and cooperative partnership between buyers and suppliers that prioritizes continuous improvement of sustainable practices. To create an accountable supply chain that puts its consumers first, implementation and monitoring challenges should be resolved systematically over the long haul.

Balancing Short and Long-term Goals

Balancing short and long-term goals is a fundamental principle of supplier engagement for transparent, responsible supply chains. Short-term goals should focus on meeting immediate needs while long-term ones seek to establish sustainable practices with socially responsible practices in mind. Companies seeking to achieve both must create strategies which balance these aspects, taking into account all stakeholders. This may require investing in long-term initiatives or partnerships which don't produce immediate gains but instead yield benefits over time. Establishing an ethical culture within their supply chains involves cultivating transparency and accountability that encourages suppliers to adopt sustainable and socially responsible practices. Companies must prioritize ethical principles as part of achieving short and long-term goals for optimal success in supply chains.

As global production and distribution networks proliferate, supply chain management has become more complicated over time. Companies face many difficulties related to tracking the supply chains that comprise their businesses environmental impacts, labor conditions and ethics are just three. Effective supplier engagement is critical to meeting these challenges and creating responsible supply chains.

As part of their partnership, suppliers work collaboratively with us to establish common goals and expectations, offer guidance for best practices, engage in regular communication with us, and give regular feedback. Supplier engagement can be achieved in various ways, from training programs and audits, audit scorecards, supplier scorecards, collaborative partnerships to scorecards that rate suppliers on various criteria. Effective supplier engagement enables companies to reduce risks while capitalizing on opportunities while upholding sustainable and socially responsible business practices in their supply chains.

Conclusion

Supplier engagement is fundamental for creating more transparency and responsibility within supply chains. Engaging suppliers enables companies to better assess risks and opportunities within their supply chains, leading to enhanced sustainability, reputation, and profits. Monitoring, collaboration, and capacity development allow companies to work closely with their suppliers on issues pertaining to ethical, social, and environmental responsibility while assuring they adhere to international standards and best practices for operations. Engagement with suppliers requires ongoing dedication and investments from businesses over time, which means establishing long-term relationships and considering sustainability considerations in procurement processes, selection criteria and evaluation practices only then can sustainable supply chains benefit all involved stakeholders.

Recap of Key Points

Supplier engagement is essential in developing transparent and responsible supply chains. It begins by building strong supplier networks which support your organization's ethics values. Companies should create relationships with their suppliers through dialogue and collaboration, encouraging knowledge-sharing while building trust. This engagement may take various forms such as providing training or support as well as promoting best practices or encouraging innovation. Supplier engagement must also come with monitoring and assessment mechanisms to guarantee compliance with social and environmental standards. Companies should clearly communicate the results of their supplier engagement efforts to key stakeholders such as customers, employees, and investors as part of a comprehensive sustainability strategy. Engaging suppliers requires commitment and dedication but can reap significant rewards, including enhanced reputation, reduced risks, and enhanced supply chain performance.

Future Prospects of Supplier Engagement in Supply Chains

Future prospects of supplier engagement in supply chains look positive. Companies' pursuit of sustainability and ethical sourcing strategies means they will increasingly seek ways to engage their suppliers to promote responsible practices throughout their supply chains. Technology, particularly blockchain, will play an essential part in providing transparency and traceability enabling companies to monitor and manage their suppliers more easily. As consumers become more cognizant of their purchasing choices, companies that prioritize supplier engagement will gain a competitive advantage. Regulators' and investors' expectations regarding ESG disclosure will provide further incentive for companies to engage with suppliers and support responsible business practices eventually making supplier engagement an indispensable element of effective supply chain management in years ahead.

Call to Action for Businesses: Prioritising Supplier Engagement for transparent and Responsible Supply Chains.

Businesses must prioritize supplier engagement to increase transparency and responsibility within their supply chains. Companies can establish strong relationships with suppliers to ensure that their products are ethically and sustainably sourced, while mitigating risks related to supply chain disruption and reputational impacts. Businesses should implement supplier engagement strategies that promote effective communication, collaboration, and monitoring between suppliers. Organizations should commit to ongoing improvement and transparency with regards to supplier engagement practices by regularly reviewing their suppliers' environmental and social performance and actively working on areas for improvement. Prioritizing supplier engagement will not only benefit individual companies but will contribute towards more responsible global supply chains.

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