



**Meet the CCO– Chris Young,
Code Compliance Officer, Aldi Stores Limited**

Question: Tell us something about yourself and your path to becoming a Code Compliance Officer.

I joined ALDI in 2012, and was promoted into the Corporate Administration office in 2015 to a role with responsibility for areas of risk & compliance. It was perhaps the natural progression therefore to assume responsibility for the role of GSCOP CCO, following Jonathan Ward's move within the International business at the start of 2017

Question: What are the most challenging aspects of your CCO role?

As with any dynamic and constantly evolving business, the challenge is to ensure I remain up-to-date with any new initiatives, but that I am then also in a position to promptly provide any necessary guidance, supporting the business by ensuring we remain compliant with the Code

Question: If you could change one thing about the groceries market, what would it be?

The alignment of initiatives such as GSCOP, Supply Chain Initiative, and the Grocery Goods Regulations that launched in Ireland last year, to be under one common code, would provide greater clarity and help to avoid confusion for both domestic and overseas Suppliers alike

Question: What achievement as CCO are you most proud of?

Having only been in the role of CCO since January 2017, I am proud to be given the opportunity to carry on the good work that has gone before, to ensure our continued compliance with the Code, but also in supporting the collaborative approach with our Suppliers that enables us to deliver the highest quality products at unbeatable prices

Question: What 3 things do you want to achieve in the next 12 months?

- Continue to review and develop the training for both new and experienced buyers
- Maintain the collaborative working relationship with our Suppliers and the GCA
- Drive awareness of GSCOP and the role of the CCO with our Suppliers

Question: Is there anything else you would like to share with readers of News from the Adjudicator?

We remain committed to maintaining our high levels of compliance with the Code through a process of continual improvement. This is essential for us to maintain and develop long-lasting Supplier relationships, so if there are areas where we need to improve please email me at CCO@aldi.co.uk