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How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Italy is rated as 22 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Italy scored 59 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on addressing the risk factors of modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Importing risk of modern slavery
Italy imported US $10.9 billion worth of goods at-risk of modern slavery. This includes:

- US $4.6 billion for Garments
- US $4.1 billion for Electronics
- US $1.2 billion for Palm Oil
- US $500 million for Textiles
- US $500 million for Coffee

Priority Recommendations for the government of Italy:

1. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.

2. Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.

3. Enact mandatory due diligence legislation which includes right of action for victims of modern slavery crimes.

For more information on modern slavery, visit the Global Slavery Index 2023 website.