

OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> & World Responsible Accredited Production Collaboration for harmonisation and alignment

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#### Agenda

- Why are cooperations important to us?
- WRAP
- OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> STeP
- Why do we cooperate?
- How do we cooperate?

Why are cooperations important to us?

#### Importance of cooperation

- Harmonisation of standards
- Promote greater alignment
- Improve quality by learning from each other
- Reduction of duplicative audits
- Possibility of specialisation in audits

#### **Basis** of cooperation

#### Common grounds

- Both certification programs
- Both recognized by the Green Button 1.0
- Both focused on the textile and apparel industry
- Both working worldwide

#### **Complementary forces**

- WRAP has over 20 years experience in social compliance
- OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> has over 30 years experience in product safety

# WRAP



## **Overview of WRAP**

• World's largest independent factory-based certification program, focused on the apparel, footwear, sewn products

• We inspect and certify factories all over the world

• Objective, non-profit team of global experts dedicated to promoting safe, lawful, humane, and ethical manufacturing around the world through certification and education

• Program of choice for industry associations

### WRAP's 12 Principles



- 1. Compliance with Laws and Workplace Regulations
- 2. Prohibition of Forced Labor
- 3. Pro Chil
  - 3. Prohibition of Child Labor



4. Prohibition of Harassment or Abuse



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7. Prohibition of Discrimination

5. Compensation

6. Hours of Work

and Benefits

8. Health and Safety



9. Freedom of Association & Collective Bargaining



10. Environment



11. Customs Compliance



12. Security



#### We Are Worldwide

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## Leading Independent Certification Program

| WRAP Top 10 for 2022 |            |               |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|
| Rank                 | Country    | Registrations |
| 1                    | China      | 832           |
| 2                    | Vietnam    | 629           |
| 3                    | Bangladesh | 387           |
| 4                    | India      | 304           |
| 5                    | Pakistan   | 205           |
| 6                    | Cambodia   | 169           |
| 7                    | Indonesia  | 143           |
| 8                    | Egypt      | 102           |
| 9                    | Sri Lanka  | 95            |
| 10                   | Mexico     | 58            |





#### WRAP is a robust and credible mHRDD tool

- Independent non-profit 3rd party certification program
- Extensive auditor training, including refresher training
  - APSCA Certified Social Compliance Auditors
- Audit report review by WRAP
- Notifications of corrective actions
- Credibility is key; must remediate, not just audit
- Additional inspections
  - All certified facilities are subject to random, unannounced Post-Certification Assessments during their certification period

# Responsible production for people and planet



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How can we make the world better?







For the environment

For the people

For brands & manufacturers

Long-term eco-friendly production processes

Socially responsible working conditions

Credible, transparent, and simple communication of sustainable production conditions



The modular certification system for transparent and sustainable textile and leather production.



# Why do we cooperate?

#### Benefits for our customers







Reduced time & efforts for facilities in certification process Visibility in and access to OEKO-TEX® & WRAP community

Offering content and choice of different assessments to customers

# How do we cooperate?



#### Approach

- WRAP promotes OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> for product safety and environmental certification with WRAP certified facilities
- OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> recognizes WRAP certification under OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> STeP program in the social module



#### Status

#### What has been done:

- Comparison of WRAP and OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> STeP
- Signed a MoU in 2022
- Started a Pilot Program

#### What is the actual status:

- Identify and target facilities that are both WRAP and OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> STeP certified
- Develop a combined audit approach for the pilot

# Thank you!

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