

YESS Standard for Spinning Mills

Sample Procedure to Identify High-Risk Origins

1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to identify high-risk origins for each type of cotton inputs within our supply chain.

2. Procedure

Step 1: Identify all countries of origin for lint

Compliance Officer will identify and evaluate all countries of origin for cotton lint production in our supply chain, including spinning wastage and cotton content of yarn.

A current list of countries will be maintained.

Step 2: Identify high-risk countries of origin for cotton production per global resources

Compliance Officer will evaluate each country of origin for cotton in our supply chain against the most current version of the [Global Slavery Index](#), United States (U.S.) Bureau of International Labor Affairs' [List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#) (List of Goods), the U.S. Department of State's [Trafficking in Persons Report](#) (TIP Report), and [Fragile State Index](#)'s Indicator for Human Rights and the Rule of Law and Uneven Economic Development.

Any country identified by any one of these resources as having forced labor or a risk of forced labor in cotton production (List of Goods, TIP Report, Global Slavery Index) or a ranking of 7 or higher for human rights or economic disparity (Fragile State Index) shall be considered high-risk for cotton lint origin.

Step 3: Maintain a current list of high-risk countries of origin for cotton lint

Compliance Officer will maintain a current list of high-risk countries (e.g., High-Risk Origin Tracker) and make this list available to all relevant employees (e.g., procurement, receiving, compliance).

3. Frequency

This procedure will be completed whenever a resource cited in Step 2 is updated or when cotton lint from a new country enters our supply chain.