

# FOREVER NEW

## Ban on Cotton Harvested from Uzbekistan

Cotton Pledge April 2016

At Forever New, we are working to ensure that child and adult forced labour does not find its way into our products. We are aware of reports documenting the systemic use of child and adult forced labour in the harvest of cotton in Uzbekistan. We are collaborating with a multi-stakeholder coalition to raise awareness of this very serious concern, and press for its elimination

Forever New is a committed signatory to the **Company Pledge Against Forced Labour in the Uzbek Cotton Sector**.

As a signatory to this pledge, we are stating our firm opposition to the use of child and adult forced labour in the harvest of Uzbek cotton. We commit to not knowingly source Uzbek cotton for the manufacturing of any of our products until the Government of Uzbekistan ends the practice of forced child and adult labour in its cotton sector. Until the elimination of this practice is independently verified by the International Labour Organization, we will maintain this pledge.

Please follow this link for full details: <http://www.sourcingnetwork.org/the-cotton-pledge>

As suppliers to Forever New, we will require your full understanding and commitment to this pledge.

- **For all products containing cotton and supplied to Forever New, suppliers must be able to provide and authenticate documentation to prove genuine Country of Origin (COO).** This may include bills of lading, purchase orders, packing/inventory lists, incoming material records, production records, and raw material certifications. It is critical that you are able to define and prove the country of origin for the cotton that you are supplying to Forever New: in the form of yarn, fabric or finished goods.
- **Suppliers must guarantee COO of all cotton to our buyers at order placement stage.** This applies to any and all percentages of cotton within total declared composition of all fibre composition mixes that assert cotton as a part of the total make-up of the fabric, garment or accessory. Orders cannot be placed until the supplier has fully endorsed the safe origin of the cotton within the fabric, garment or accessory.

We thank you in advance for your support and diligence in ensuring that Uzbekistan cotton does not find its way into Forever New products. If you have any concerns or questions regarding young or child workers, please contact the Forever New CSR Committee or the relevant country office:

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