

Selected risks in the value chain of textiles

- for potential and actual negative impacts on human rights, environment and climate.



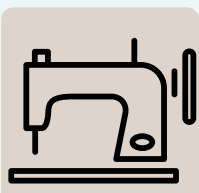
GROWING AND EXTRACTION OF RAW MATERIALS

- Forced labour and child labour in cotton farming
- Working environment and conditions - especially living wages in cotton farming, but also forestry.
- Water and pesticide use in cotton farming
- Deforestation for wood-based materials
- Climate emissions for plastic-based materials



PROCESSING TO FABRIC

- Forced labour and child labour
- Poor working conditions e.g. lack of living wages
- Lack of respect for labour rights
- Use of hazardous chemicals and lack of safety equipment
- Water consumption and pollution
- Climate emissions



SEWING

- Lack of respect for labour rights
- Vulnerable workers - e.g. migrant and homeworkers
- Working conditions - especially living wages and working hours
- Occupational health and safety - building safety and overuse injuries.
- Sexual abuse or harassment of female workers
- Climate emissions
- Cut-off and waste material



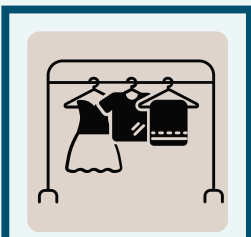
PROCUREMENT PRACTICES AND SUPPLIER DIALOGUE

- Price negotiations in relation to living wages
- Production planning in relation to overtime and stable contracts
- Material and design choices in relation to sustainability
- Supplier rewards for sustainability efforts



TRANSPORT AND WAREHOUSING

- Working conditions and living wages for drivers and warehouse workers
- Working hours and work pressure
- CO2 emissions
- Use and recycling of packaging material



CONSUMPTION AND USAGE

- Business model based on unsustainable consumption with many changing collections
- Use of water and energy for washing
- Microplastic emissions
- Durability



DISPOSAL

- Recyclability
- Environmentally safe disposal

NOTE: The risk overview is a summary of workshops held with industry participants in collaboration with WEAR and Danish Fashion and Dansk Fashion and Textile, and information from “Getting It Right”. It does not show what will necessarily be the most salient risks for your business, but highlight some of the most severe risks and issues that may be overlooked.

Each company still needs to make its own assessment of salient risks.