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Raw Material- Wood based

Scope

All wood-based products suppliers including, but not limited to, packaging products, furniture, man-made cellulosic fibres like rayon/viscose, lyocell, modal and other trademarked brands of these fabrics. This policy covers the sourcing of raw materials and all manufacturing processes needed to obtain the end product being purchased by New Look.

Aim

Through this Policy, we pledge to protect ancient and endangered forests¹, the biodiversity and the local communities of sourcing regions.

We are currently in the process of mapping our viscose suppliers and have pledged that from 2023 we will only source from suppliers that commit to the criteria explained in this policy[1]. New Look commits to mapping the list of all the viscose suppliers by January 2021, which will be updated every six months.

1. Sourcing

New Look values a future that does not use ancient and endangered forests in any product and is committed to safeguarding the environment and protecting the world's endangered forests, partnering up with Canopy². On that regard, we will only source from suppliers scoring "green shirt" under the CanopyStyle³ initiative.

New Look requires that all wood-based products are sourced from responsibly managed forests, certified preferentially to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and as minimum to the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) certification system.

Should we find that any of our fibres are being sourced from ancient and endangered forests, endangered species habitat or illegal logging⁴, we will engage our suppliers to change practices and/or re-evaluate our relationship with them.

¹ Ancient and Endangered Forest Ancient and endangered forests are defined as intact forest landscape mosaics, naturally rare forest types, forest types that have been made rare due to human activity, and/or other forests that are ecologically critical for the protection of biological diversity. Ecological components of endangered forests are: Intact forest landscapes; Remnant forests and restoration cores; Landscape connectivity; Rare forest types; Forests of high species richness; Forests containing high concentrations of rare and endangered species; Forests of high endemism; Core habitat for focal species; Forests exhibiting rare ecological and evolutionary phenomena. As a starting point to geographically locate ancient and endangered forests, maps of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF), as defined by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and of intact forest landscapes (IFL), can be used and paired with maps of other key ecological values like the habitat range of key endangered species and forests containing high concentrations of terrestrial carbon and High Carbon Stocks (HCS). (The Wye River Coalition's Endangered Forests: High Conservation Value Forests Protection – Guidance for Corporate Commitments. This has been reviewed by conservation groups, corporations, and scientists such as Dr. Jim Stritholt, President and Executive Director of the Conservation Biology Institute, and has been adopted by corporations for their forest sourcing policies). Key endangered forests globally are the Canadian and Russian Boreal Forests; Coastal Temperate Rainforests of British Columbia, Alaska and Chile; Tropical forests and peat lands of Indonesia, the Amazon and West Africa. For more information on the definitions of ancient and endangered forests, please go to: <http://canopyplanet.org/index.php?page=science-behind-the-brand>

[1] All suppliers must comply with the Environmental and Ethical supplier guidelines and minimum requirement. Please check.

² <https://canopyplanet.org/>

³ <https://canopyplanet.org/campaigns/canopystyle/>

⁴Legal forest management is management that complies with all applicable international, national, and local laws, including environmental, forestry, and civil rights laws and treaties.

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2. Manufacturing

New Look has signed Changing Markets Foundation Roadmap for Sustainable viscose⁵ and it is aware of the impacts that the processing of wood-based products, particularly Man-Made Cellulosic products, have on the environment at the local and global scale.

Suppliers must have all relevant permits and be in compliance with national and local environmental and health and safety legislation. Documental proof of this compliance should be available to check by New Look at our discretion.

Suppliers must also monitor and evaluate their environmental impacts and have targets to reduce them in an environmental management plan or strategy.

2.1. Climate Change

Manufacturers should set their own GHG reduction targets and pathways to achieve them, especially via increased energy efficiency, for example through heat recovery, and a move towards sustainable renewable energy sources.

As part of our ongoing leadership on mitigating climate change, New Look will support initiatives that advance forest conservation to reduce the loss of high carbon value forests by encouraging suppliers to avoid harvesting in these areas, and by giving preference to those that use effective strategies to actively reduce their greenhouse gas footprint.

2.2. Water & Chemical Management

The suppliers will need to monitor water consumption and water discharge and will need to have a plan in place with targets to reduce both. Such a plan should include measures to reduce water use, wastewater generation, enhance the reuse of water during industrial processes and ensure the wastewater treatment system is efficient in recovering water quality at the required levels. Suppliers are expected to implement “closed loop” systems- as defined in the Best Available Technologies approved by the European Commission on the production of polymers⁶; by 2023.

Suppliers should also demonstrate appropriate chemical management system through third party verification that examines suppliers’ management records, a full inventory of chemical inputs, a mass balance of the process identifying all losses and documentation of chemical releases. All the chemicals used should be in line with New Look Restricted Substance List, as minimum.

All wastewater discharge should be treated in a Water Treatment plan at the facility level or at the industrial site. Additionally, all hazardous sludge should be treated by an accredited waste management company approved by the relevant authority.

⁵ http://changingmarkets.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Roadmap_towards_responsible_viscose_and_modal_fibre_manufacturing_2018.pdf

⁶ Please refer to the Best Available Technologies from the European Commission on the Production of Polymers. Available at https://eippcb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/reference/BREF/pol_bref_0807.pdf

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3. Recognising, respecting and upholding human rights and the rights of communities

New Look requires our suppliers and factories to respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and acknowledge the rights of First Nations, indigenous, and communities' rights to give or withhold their Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) before new logging rights are allocated or plantations are developed.

As a member of ETI, we want our supply chain to implement our Ethical Aims and to respect the clause 2 'Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining are respected'.

We require that our suppliers and factories resolve complaints and conflicts, and remediate human rights violations through a transparent, accountable, and agreeable dispute resolution process.

4. Higg Facility Environmental Module

As members of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC)⁷, New Look will request the suppliers to complete the Higg Facility Environmental Module annually for all factories, and that the results are verified by an independent third party.

These assessments will be used to track their water and energy usage, chemical, wastewater and waste management systems. Should we identify potential risks, we will agree on a corrective action plan with the producer.

We believe Higg Index FEM is the platform all brands should use in order to avoid audit fatigue by suppliers and establish a common language and level playfield in environmental protection, avoiding any competition between brands in this field.

We will collaborate with the Sustainable Apparel Coalition to update the FEM criteria to be in line with the requirements of this policy.

⁷ <https://apparelcoalition.org/>