

Turkmenistan Cotton

David Jones Position Statement

David Jones requires all our suppliers to follow our Supplier Code of Conduct (our Code). Alongside our Code, we have specific commitments that we are actively working towards in partnership with our suppliers. This statement sets out our position regarding Turkmenistan cotton.

Definition

Turkmenistan cotton refers to cotton grown, harvested, and processed in Turkmenistan.

Context

Turkmenistan's cotton industry is characterised by systemic, state-imposed forced labour, where the government is understood to be coercing tens of thousands of public sector workers, including teachers, healthcare professionals, and students, to work in the annual cotton harvest under threat of punishment such as dismissal, loss of benefits, or retaliation.

The cotton sector is entirely state-controlled, with the government mandating production quotas, setting prices, and controlling procurement and processing. This widespread abuse persists despite international laws and norms prohibiting forced labour. Due to the lack of supply chain transparency, any cotton or cotton-based product originating in Turkmenistan carries a high risk of being tainted with forced labour¹.



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Commitment

In FY20, David Jones signed the Turkmen Cotton Pledge, committing to not knowingly source Turkmen Cotton for the manufacturing of any of our products, until the Government of Turkmenistan ends the practice of forced labour in its cotton sector.

Read the detailed pledge [here](#).

Scope

All private label products (containing cotton)

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To learn more about this important topic, we encourage you to visit the following sites.

- [Turkmenistan — Cotton Campaign](#)

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1. [Turkmenistan — Cotton Campaign](#)