

## **Policy on Sandblasting**

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## **September 2010**

Effective immediately, H&M will not place any new orders for sandblasted product, and as of December 31, 2010 H&M will no longer have any active production that uses this finishing technique. The ban includes, but is not limited to, the use of aluminium oxide, aluminium silicate, silicon carbide, copper slag and garnet for abrasive blasting.

However since sandblasting may take place in factories that produce for other brand, H&M's Code of Conduct requirements, monitoring of sandblasting practices will still remain as a part of our Full Audit Program.

## **August 2012**

Effective from September 2012, H&M will no longer accept that sandblasting take place for other brands, in factories producing H&M orders. This is applicable to all existing and possible new factories.

In order to ensure 100% compliance with this requirement, H&M will only approve factories for production that have dismantled the sandblasting equipment, and thereby eliminate the risk that the equipment may be used for other buyers despite our requirement.