TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS - IMPACTS AND RISK OVERVIEW

RAW MATERIAL	KNOWN RISKS* THAT CAN POTENTIALLY BE LINKED TO THE INDUSTRY	OUR CURRENT MITIGATION ACTIVITES TO REDUCE NEGATIVE IMPACT AND RISK

COTTON	• Soil degradation
	• Water scarcity
	• Biodiversity loss
	• Natural ecosystem impact
	• Deforestation
	• Child labour
	• Forced labour
	• Health and safety
	• Pesticide exposure / pollution
	• Land rights
		• 100% of our cotton is sourced through any of the following programs:
		
		    • Better Cotton
		    • Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA)
		    • Organic cotton (OCS, GOTS)
		    • Regenerative organic cotton (ROC)
		    • Recycled cotton (GRS, RCS)
		
		• We are participating in the multi-stakeholder collaborative project 'Harvesting the Future – Cotton in India,' to improve working and living conditions of cotton farmers and workers in two regional districts.
		
		• We support the scaling of regenerative agriculture practices within our existing cotton programs to build healthier soils and ecosystems and gain better climate resilience and improved farmer livelihoods.
		
		• We are conducting traceability pilots and aim to scale them further to improve traceability in cotton supply chains.
		
		Cotton - H&M Group, Biodiversity - H&M Group

MAN-MADE CELLULOSICS (viscose, modal, lyocell)	• Deforestation
	• Biodiversity loss
	• Health and safety hazards
	• Chemical emissions
	• Hazardous waste
	• Negative community impact
	• Land rights
	• Indigenous rights
		• 100% of all virgin wood-based feedstock certified to:
		
		    • Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
		    • Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
		
		• 100% of our MMCF is sourced from fibre producers that earned the top rating, a green shirt, in the Canopy Hot Button report.
		
		• We aim for all MMCF fibre producers used by us to be EU-BAT and ZDHC compliant by end of 2025.
		
		Man-made cellulosic fibres - H&M Group

SYNTHETICS (polyester, acrylic, elastane, polyamide)	• GHG emissions • Water pollution • Biodiversity loss • Human rights violations • Worker's health & safety	• Since January 2025, all polyester used by H&M Group is 100% recycled (GRS, RCS). • We are working on scaling up textile to textile recycled polyester within our polyester basket. • By 2030, all synthetics will be made from certified recycled feedstock or replaced with certified biobased feedstock options. Synthetics - H&M Group

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WOOL & ANIMAL HAIR (mohair, alpaca and cashmere)	• Animal welfare
	• Land degradation
	• Climate change impact
	• Water scarcity
	• Biodiversity loss
	• Natural ecosystem impact
	• Health and safety hazards
		• 100% of our virgin wool and animal hair sourced from farms certified of the following programs:
		
		   • Responsible Wool Standard (RWS)
		   • RWS + Nativa™ Regenerative
		   • Responsible Mohair Standard (RMS)
		   • Responsible Alpaca Standard (RAS)
		   • Good Cashmere Standard (GCS)
		
		• Or is sourced from certified recycled sources (GRS, RCS)
		
		• Scaling regenerative agriculature practices within existing wool programmes to reduce negative impact, improve biodiversity and farmer livelihoods.
		
		Animal welfare - H&M Group

LEATHER	• Animal welfare • Deforestation • Land conversion • Biodiversity loss • Pollution • Hazardous waste • Community impact • Health and safety	• 100% of our leather is sourced through Leather Working Group (LWG) certified tanneries (gold, silver or bronze) • We aim for 100% of our leather products to be chrome free by end of 2025. • H&M Group signed the Deforestation-free call to Action for leather initiated by WWF, Textile Exchange and Leather Working Group (*only applicable for bovine leather*). • We are financially supporting the Leather impact Accelerator (LIA) to support better farming practices (cattle). Leather - H&M Group
DOWN	• Animal welfare • Soil contamination • Water pollution • Zoonotic-disease transmission • Human rights violations	• Since January 2025, 100% of our down comes from post-consumer recycled sources (GRS, RCS) Animal welfare - H&M Group
FLAX (linen)	• Biodiversity loss • GHG emissions • Chemical Use • Soil degradation • Labour related issues	• Organic linen (GOTS, OCS) • EU Flax

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