

# TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS - IMPACTS AND RISK OVERVIEW

RAW MATERIAL	KNOWN RISKS* THAT CAN POTENTIALLY BE LINKED TO THE INDUSTRY	OUR CURRENT MITIGATION ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE NEGATIVE IMPACT AND RISK
COTTON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil degradation</li> <li>• Water scarcity</li> <li>• Biodiversity loss</li> <li>• Natural ecosystem impact</li> <li>• Deforestation</li> <li>• Child labour</li> <li>• Forced labour</li> <li>• Health and safety</li> <li>• Pesticide exposure / pollution</li> <li>• Land rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of our cotton is sourced through any of the following programs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better Cotton Initiative</li> <li>• Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA)</li> <li>• Organic cotton (OCS, GOTS)</li> <li>• Regenerative organic cotton (ROC)</li> <li>• Recycled cotton (GRS, RCS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We are participating in the multi-stakeholder collaborative project '<a href="#">Harvesting the Future – Cotton in India</a>,' to improve working and living conditions of cotton farmers and workers in two regional districts.</li> <li>• We support the scaling of agriculture practices within our existing cotton programs to build healthier soils and ecosystems and gain better climate resilience and improved farmer livelihoods.</li> <li>• We are conducting traceability pilots and aim to scale them further to improve traceability in cotton supply chains.</li> </ul>
MAN-MADE CELLULOSICS (viscose, modal, lyocell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deforestation</li> <li>• Biodiversity loss</li> <li>• Health and safety hazards</li> <li>• Chemical emissions</li> <li>• Hazardous waste</li> <li>• Negative community impact</li> <li>• Land rights</li> <li>• Indigenous rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of all virgin wood-based feedstock certified to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)</li> <li>• Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 100% of our MMCF is sourced from fibre producers that earned the top rating, a green shirt, in the <a href="#">Canopy Hot Button report</a>.</li> <li>• We aim for all MMCF fibre producers used by us to be EU-BAT and ZDHC compliant by end of 2025.</li> </ul>
SYNTHETICS (polyester, acrylic, elastane, polyamide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GHG emissions</li> <li>• Water pollution</li> <li>• Biodiversity loss</li> <li>• Human rights violations</li> <li>• Worker's health &amp; safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since January 2025, all polyester used by H&amp;M Group is 100% recycled (GRS, RCS).</li> <li>• We are working on scaling up textile to textile recycled polyester within our polyester basket.</li> <li>• By 2030, all synthetics will be made from certified recycled feedstock or replaced with certified biobased feedstock options.</li> </ul>

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WOOL & ANIMAL HAIR (mohair, alpaca and cashmere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal welfare</li> <li>• Land degradation</li> <li>• Climate change impact</li> <li>• Water scarcity</li> <li>• Biodiversity loss</li> <li>• Natural ecosystem impact</li> <li>• Health and safety hazards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of our virgin wool and animal hair sourced from farms certified of the following programs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible Wool Standard (RWS)</li> <li>• RWS + Nativa™ Regenerative</li> <li>• Responsible Mohair Standard (RMS)</li> <li>• Responsible Alpaca Standard (RAS)</li> <li>• Good Cashmere Standard (GCS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Or is sourced from certified recycled sources (GRS, RCS)</li> <li>• Scaling agriculture practices within existing wool programmes to reduce negative impact, improve biodiversity and farmer livelihoods.</li> </ul>
LEATHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal welfare</li> <li>• Deforestation</li> <li>• Land conversion</li> <li>• Biodiversity loss</li> <li>• Pollution</li> <li>• Hazardous waste</li> <li>• Community impact</li> <li>• Health and safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of our leather is sourced through Leather Working Group (LWG) certified tanneries (gold, silver or bronze)</li> <li>• H&amp;M Group signed the <a href="#">Deforestation-free call to Action for leather</a> initiated by WWF, Textile Exchange and Leather Working Group (<i>only applicable for bovine leather</i>).</li> <li>• We are financially supporting the Leather impact Accelerator (LIA) to support better farming practices (cattle).</li> </ul>
DOWN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal welfare</li> <li>• Soil contamination</li> <li>• Water pollution</li> <li>• Zoonotic-disease transmission</li> <li>• Human rights violations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since January 2025, 100% of our down comes from post-consumer recycled sources (GRS, RCS)</li> </ul>
FLAX (linen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity loss</li> <li>• GHG emissions</li> <li>• Chemical Use</li> <li>• Soil degradation</li> <li>• Labour related issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic linen (GOTS, OCS)</li> <li>• EU Flax</li> </ul>