

# **Recent Developments in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Global Textile and Clothing Industry, July 2013 edition**

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## **Abstracts**

This report provides an update of recent developments in corporate social responsibility (CSR) in the global textile and clothing industry in the following categories: certification systems; company sustainability reports; factory health and safety; management of hazardous chemicals; measures to improve the sustainability of textiles; recycling; and water management initiatives. Companies, other organisations and brands analysed in the report include: Adidas, bluesign, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, Carpet Recycling UK (CRUK), eBay, H&M (Hennes & Mauritz), IndustriALL, Interface, Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), Nike, Patagonia, Sustainable Textiles Coalition, The Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI), The International Oeko-Tex Association, Trevira, UNI Global Union, Valentino, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Zoological Society of London (ZSL).

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### **SUMMARY**

### **CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

The International Oeko-Tex Association has developed a new certification system called STeP

### **COMPANY SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS**

Adidas has released its 2012 Sustainability Progress Report

H&M has published its Conscious Actions Sustainability Report for 2012

### **FACTORY HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) has announced a health and safety plan for Bangladesh's garment sector

IndustriALL and UNI Global Union have set out an agreement for addressing fire and building safety in garment factories in Bangladesh

### **MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS**

Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services has launched a service to help apparel companies to meet the targets of the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) scheme

The Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) in China has implemented a plan to manage the country's use of hazardous chemicals

Valentino has made a commitment to eliminate the use of hazardous chemicals from its products and supply chain by 2020

### **MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF TEXTILES**

A group of leading home textile retailers and manufacturers has established an association called the Sustainable Textiles Coalition

Nike has entered into a partnership agreement with bluesign to improve the sustainability of textiles used in the manufacture of its products

### **RECYCLING**

Carpet Recycling UK (CRUK) has reported a 30% increase in the amount of carpet waste diverted from landfill in the UK in 2012

Interface and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) have successfully completed a pilot recycling project called Net-Works

Patagonia and eBay have launched a new garment recycling initiative for users of eBay in the UK

Trevira has launched a new recycling initiative for Trevira CS fabrics

## **WATER MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES**

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and H&M have signed a partnership agreement relating to the development of a new strategy for reducing H&M'S water consumption

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