

Responsible Sourcing Principles - Cotton and Related Products

Our commitment

Fortescue is committed to understanding, mitigating, and addressing sustainability risks in its supply chain.

Fortescue will prioritise suppliers and their partners who can demonstrate a commitment to our Responsible Sourcing Principles (the 'Principles').

The Principles are used to assess if a supplier can meet, or is working towards continuous improvement of their sustainable procurement approach.

The Principles

Suppliers are expected to demonstrate:

1. A genuine commitment to sustainable procurement with established due diligence processes to identify and understand sustainability risks in their supply chain.
2. Culture of collaboration and commitment to continuous improvement for purposefully driving sustainability outcomes across multiple layers of their supply chain.
3. Commitment to sustainable sourcing of materials to address various risks associated with cotton production and garment manufacturing, including:
 - Sourcing of organic and sustainably grown materials.
 - Integration of reclaimed or recycled materials.
 - Social Responsibility, human rights and worker/labour rights.
4. Understanding of supply chain inputs and actors with processes to improve supply chain transparency beyond Tier 1 (their direct suppliers).
5. Establishment of ethical recruitment, living wage and adoption of the employer pays principle.
6. They do not source, or can evidence responsible sourcing, from areas recognised as high risk for human rights and modern slavery concerns.