



## FABRICA TESSUTI SRL TRANSPARENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Growth, transparency and sustainability are what in which we would like to distinguish ourselves, basing our strategies on the belief that ethic and profit cannot be in contrast. In fact, there is no long-term economical development disconnected with the social and environmental one.

Inspiring to and aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals, adopting 4sustainability® Commitment, we commit to transparency towards the market and to contribute to the generation of a global positive change, undertaking a clear environmental and social responsibility.

### Transparency

For Fabrica Tessuti transparency concept directly refers to relevant information made available to all the parts and actors of the value chain in a standardized way allowing common understanding, accessibility, clarity, and comparison. Transparency is the necessary assumption to ensure the traceability requisite on products, processes and suppliers belonging to its own value chain.

### Environmental responsibility

Fabrica Tessuti sets the goal to reduce the environmental impact derived from its own business using a monitoring-oriented approach as well as performance continuous improvement, starting from the compliance with current legislation with constant attention to innovation, research and development.

Fully aware that the sustainability goals implementation is uniquely possible with a collaborative approach we constantly search for partnership with entities sharing the same attention for environmental and people protection and innovation-oriented values.

Fabrica Tessuti has therefore defined the following macro-objectives for environmental impact reduction:

- implement a chemical risk management system for the environmental impact reduction due to the use of hazardous chemical substances for both men and environment in production process and along the supply chain as a function of the subject technical knowledge progress through the ZDHC MRSL implementation;
- inform and train employees on the activities carried out by the company in the sustainability field using meetings and periodic briefings in order to promote research and innovation;
- search for regulatory compliance constantly going towards partners and suppliers sharing the same values and strategic goals and able to answer to increasingly challenging market demands;
- prefer whenever possible raw materials with reduced environmental and social impact such as raw material recycled or regenerated, certified, traced and tracked, organic and/or connected to sustainability initiatives, in particular:
  - limit the impact on forests due to the use of components deriving from plant raw material obtained from them and connected to situations of: i) illegal deforestation or illegal wood or cellulose trade; ii) violation of human rights in forestry activities; iii) disruption of areas of particular botanical interest; iv) significant conversion of forests into plantations; v) OGM introduction in forestry activities; vi) ILO Convention violation for labour involved in its relative supply chain rights;
  - prefer GOTS/OCS certified cotton (which will be specifically requested by the purchasing department with relevant documentation/transaction certificate);
  - prefer European Flax certified flax, aimed at preserving, promoting and protecting agricultural and fibre production from European crops, as well as ensuring requirements such as very low irrigation, no use of GMOs, crop rotation, reduced use of fertilizers and pesticides, no waste and compliance with ILO rules throughout the supply chain;
  - prefer the supply of recycled raw material pre/post-consumer origin certified GRS (Global Recycle Standard) and/or RCS (Recycled Content Standard);
  - through the purchasing office, inform suppliers about the agreed terms and times and possibly request the relative documentation or the certificate of transaction of the goods (TC - Transaction Certificate);
  - prefer the use of primary and secondary packaging with particular attention to sustainability attributes (recycled/reused plastic packaging, paper/cardboard from recycled material and/or FSC/PEFC certified, packaging reuse where possible, packaging free from toxic and harmful chemicals);
- know and manage information about production and supply chain on the basis of values of environmental and social sustainability, as well as the raw materials used;



- document the identification and traceability of the production batches of each component/material in its different stages of processing;
- consider the environmental impact of our activities starting from the collection design in the perspective of sustainable/circular design;
- correctly and responsibly manage waste coming from the production process, as well as search for and prefer solutions for reducing waste production reduction and/or increasing reuse and recycling practices;
- adopt techniques and cutting-edge management tools towards performances continuous improvement in the sustainability field;
- periodically share with stakeholders the reached results as well as the new set improvement goals.

In light of the above objectives, we decided to concentrate our efforts to address the topic related to:

- the evaluation and management of the chemical risk deriving from the systemic use of chemical products, by adopting the **4sustainability® CHEM Protocol**, implementing with a structured methodology the ZDHC MRSL ([www.roadmaptozero.com](http://www.roadmaptozero.com));
- research and replacement of raw materials with sustainable alternatives with less impact, following their measurement and reduction, through LCA calculation for a more conscious use of resources. We therefore adopted the **4sustainability® MATERIALS Protocol**, which is based on the implementation of a structured method, monitoring the supply chain and periodically measuring the application level in a transparent way.

### **Social responsibility**

In the ethical-social sphere, Fabrica Tessuti commits to respect labours rights according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to respect the core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the national legislation and conditions set out by the national negotiation with regard to:

- Freedom of association and right to collective bargaining
- Child labour
- Employment of children
- Forced labour
- Health and Safety
- Prevention of any discrimination and abuse phenomenon
- Regularity and transparency in employment contracts, recording of working hours, payment of due wages.

The company is also committed to prefer relationships with partners pursuing the same social goals in compliance with the applicable regulations and to verify whenever possible the right application of them inside the business partners.

It is strictly prohibited to supply cotton from Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Xinjiang because of forced labour and child labour conditions happening in those countries.

The company thereby activates for the disclosure of the entire content of this policy within the organization so that it is known and followed at all levels. At the same time all the tools have been prepared for the disclosure of these purposes to the external subjects with which the company comes into contact. Mainly customers and suppliers because directly connected to the manufacturing process also including reference associations, communities and public institutions in order to raise awareness towards sustainability issues.

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