



Sustainable apparel and footwear

On December 9 2015, the ZDHC foundation - a group of major apparel and footwear brands and retailers - updated its Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (MRSL) for hazardous substances in textile and leather processing. As frontrunner in sustainability, we believe it is our responsibility to lower the environmental impact. That is why we are strongly committed to eliminate these substances from our product ranges for apparel and footwear. Therefore we welcome the updated ZDHC MRSL Version 1.1 for the industry.

Large brands join forces

Since 2011, large apparel and footwear brands such as Burberry, Benneton, Gap, H&M, Marks & Spencer, Nike and Adidas, cooperate within the ZDHC foundation to lead the industry towards zero discharge of hazardous chemicals by 2020. This is fully in line with our goal to achieve a more sustainable and transparent supply chain and with our commitment to a cleaner environment and safe and secure working conditions for people. We are convinced that only by working together within the industry, this can be achieved.

ZDHC foundation

ZDHC stands for Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals. The ZDHC foundation is a group of signatory brands (such as Adidas, Nike, Benetton, Inditex, H&M, C&A, Nike, Puma, M&S) and associate members. It is committed to leading the apparel and footwear industry towards zero discharge of hazardous chemicals.

Harmonized approach to manage chemicals

ZDHC MRSL is a list of chemical substances which are subject to a usage ban in the production of apparel and footwear that has been developed by the ZDHC foundation in close cooperation with third party technical experts and global industry associations. The list assists brands and their suppliers in the apparel and footwear industry to adopt a harmonized approach to manage chemicals during raw material processing.

Do you want to learn more? Please download the updated ZDHC MRSL Version 1.1 here.