



To end forced labor and promote decent work for cotton workers in Central Asia

Eliminating Forced Labor Turkmen Cotton from Global Supply Chains

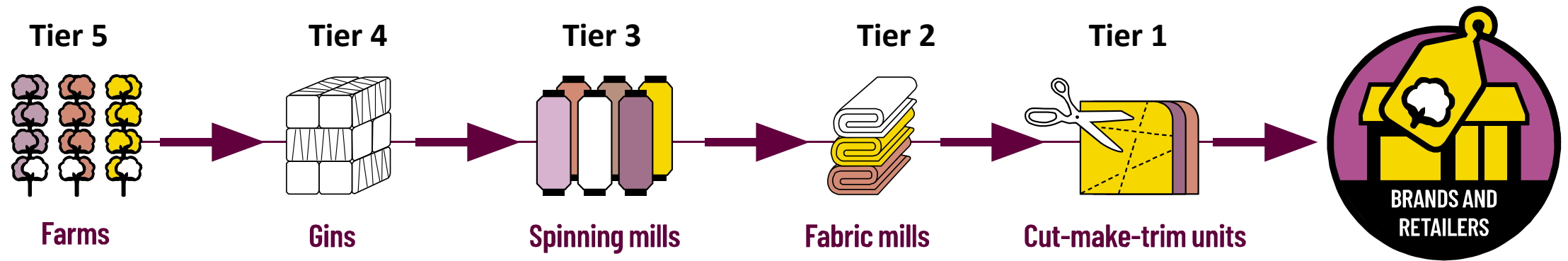
Ending State-Imposed Forced Labor in Cotton Supply Chains
OECD Side Session, February 15, 2023

About the Cotton Campaign

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- ▶ Leading human rights advocacy to end forced labor and promote decent work in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan
- ▶ Multi-stakeholder coalition of labor and human rights organizations, independent trade unions, academics, investors, and brand associations
- ▶ At the forefront of the global movement for transparency and full traceability of the global cotton supply chains
- ▶ On the Steering Committee of the End Uyghur Forced Labor Coalition
- ▶ Hosts the Turkmen Cotton Pledge - <https://www.cottoncampaign.org/turkmen-cotton-pledge>

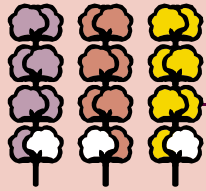


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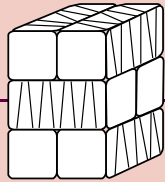
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- ▶ China: >\$4 mil
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- ▶ Pakistan, Portugal, Italy

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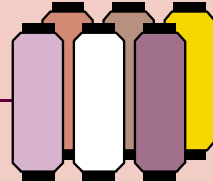
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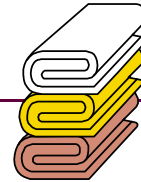
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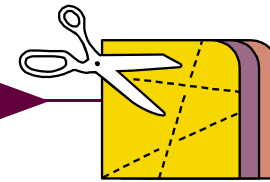
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Fabric mills

Tier 1



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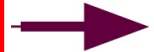


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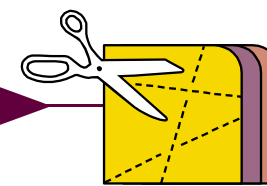
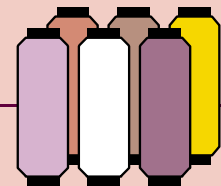
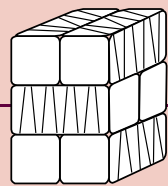
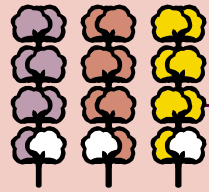
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Turkmen fabric imports in 2021:

- ▶ Turkey: >\$35mil
- ▶ Morocco: >\$5 mil
- ▶ Italy: >\$4 mil
- ▶ Portugal: >\$1 mil
- ▶ Russia, Poland, Pakistan





Türkiye: A Primary Manufacturer of Textiles Using Turkmen Cotton

In 2021, Turkey imported from Turkmenistan:

- › > \$140 million worth of yarn,
- › > \$35 million worth of fabric
- › > \$50 million worth of cotton (quantity increased 5x from 2020)

The Turkmen textile industry is 22 % foreign-owned;

- › 20% are Turkish companies

Turkey is the third-largest textiles supplier to the EU.

According to Open Supply Hub:

- › >20,000 facilities in Türkiye
- › The list is not exhaustive

The screenshot shows the Open Supply Hub interface. On the left, there are search filters for Country Name (TR), Sector (Apparel, Textiles), Data Contributor Type (Select), and Parent Company (SEARCH). The main content area displays a list of facilities with details for three specific ones: 03 Efe Kan Tekstil San. ve Tic. Ltd. Şti., 1800 Wash Tekstil Yıkama San. Tic. A.Ş., and 200 TRİKO TEKS SAN. VE TİC. LTD. On the right, there is a map of Turkey with green circles representing facility locations. The top navigation bar includes links for Explore, How It Works, About Us, Resources, Login/Register, and an Upload Data button.



Global Brands and Retailers Should:

- › Fully map their supply chains to the raw material level and exclude cotton originating in Turkmenistan
- › Establish a binding policy that prohibits the use of Turkmen cotton
- › Verify compliance with the company policy and ensure purchasing practices support its implementation
- › Publicly release documentation of these steps
- › Meaningfully engage stakeholders. Support the advocacy efforts of the Cotton Campaign and its NGO Turkmen partners

- › US: Withhold Release Order (WRO) against Turkmen cotton; Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA)
- › Canada: Forced labor import ban
- › EU: Forced labor instrument underway; German Supply Chain Act
- › Australia: upcoming Customs Amendment Bill to ban imports of forced labor products



Links and Contact Information

- ▶ Cotton Campaign website – <https://www.cottoncampaign.org/>
- ▶ Turkmen.News – <https://turkmen.news/>
- ▶ 2021 Turkmenistan cotton harvest report – <https://www.cottoncampaign.org/news/turkmenistan-systematic-forced-labor-in-the-2021-cotton-harvest>
- ▶ Reports about Covid-19 pandemic in Turkmenistan <https://turkmen.news/covid-19/> and <https://en.turkmen.news/spotlight/turkmenistan-o-allah-help-this-country/>
- ▶ Turkmen Cotton Pledge <https://www.cottoncampaign.org/turkmen-cotton-pledge>
- ▶ Open Apparel Registry list of suppliers in Turkey [not exhaustive]
<https://opensupplyhub.org/facilities?countries=TR§ors=Apparel§ors=Apparel%20Accessories§ors=Home%20Textiles§ors=Textiles>
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