

fast forward

Building sustainability in UK supply

Fast Forward is a collaborative initiative to build legal and ethical labour standards compliance within the UK garment and general merchandise retail supply base.

The Fast Forward programme objectives are to:

- » Measurably improve labour standards compliance within the UK supply base.
- » Prevent exploitation of and provide access to remedy for vulnerable workers.
- » Improve honesty, openness and trust between retailers and the UK supply base.
- » Engender an ownership and aspiration in the UK supply base to operate clean, safe, ethical and efficient production units.
- » Facilitate a more level playing field for competition amongst suppliers.

The Fast Forward programme features:

- » A consistent straightforward ethical compliance standards regime
- » Interactive, regional training workshops to the full UK supply base.
- » A point based, consistent, concise base line audit process which strands factories into one of four categories: Under Review; Developing; Performing; Leading.
- » Access to remedy for workers through a multi-language whistleblowing hotline.
- » A rigorous corrective action plan regime with expert support mechanisms.
- » Creation of a supplier community focused on continuous improvement.

The Fast Forward programme requires the UK supply base to evidence that:

1. Workers are eligible to work in the UK.
2. Workers are paid at least national minimum wage.
3. Workers are treated fairly in accordance with employment law.
4. Workers are provided with a safe and hygienic working environment.
5. Workers are not subject to mistreatment and have access to remedy.
6. Taxes are accurately calculated and paid in accordance with UK law.

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