GoodWeave International
New Sectors Standard
GoodWeave New Sectors Standard: process and timelines

- March 2017: decision to extend the work of GoodWeave to new sectors (apparel, home textiles, jewellery)
- March-June 2017: field testing and pilots in Northern India
- April-June 2017: Development of draft Standard and first public consultation
- Nov 2017: Revision of draft Standard and second public consultation
- Sept-Nov 2018: Revision of draft Standard, for a third consultation
Second consultation feedback

Participants asked GoodWeave to:

• Broaden the content scope of the Standard (with Progress Principles or continuous improvement approach)
• Clarify the scope of the standard and production processes
• Include more/clearer definitions, references to international conventions.
• Develop more guidance to support the Standard
Reorganization of the Standard

Based on this feedback:

• The Standard was reorganized into 2 sections:
  1. Principles and Requirements
  2. Scope, Claims, and Labelling

• Progress Principles were added

• A Guidance Document was developed
Updates to the certification principles

- Principle A2 on forced labor is reinforced with safeguards on inappropriate treatments and abuse

- Principle A2 requires written employment agreements, including for homeworkers

- Due diligence is demanded throughout the supply chain on human rights/social issues

- Definitions are strengthened

To note: minimum working age is not revised and still aligned with international and national legislations. More guidance is provided on this theme
Progress requirements

To cover additional themes which are important in the sectors, and to align with GoodWeave’s approach on carpet, the following Progress Principles were added on:

- Non discrimination
- Freedom of Association
- Health and Safety
- Working hours, wages and benefits
- Environmental Impact

Each Principle is supported by requirements targeted to the different level of the supply chain.
Scope, claims and labelling (woven home textiles)

Main aspects described in this section:

• Products covered (bedspreads, furnishing fabrics, curtains, etc.)
• Productions processes covered (weaving, knitting, stitching, etc.)
• Geographical scope : India, Nepal, Afghanistan.
• Requirements on labelling and claims, reflecting GoodWeave modular approach, covering production *processes* rather than *products*. 
Guidance Document

This document complements the Standard and provides, for all operators:

• A real guide on how to meet the Standards requirements (prohibit child labor, adapt working conditions for your workers, fight forced labor, offer decent working conditions, etc.)

• A benchmark of best practices and international laws

• Additional detail, definitions, and clarification where needed for country and industry specific context.
Next steps on GoodWeave Standard for Apparel, Home Textiles and Fashion Jewelry

• Third round consultation & interviews (through Dec)

• Review feedback & draft final standard (January 2019)

• Standards Committee feedback and approval

• Standard publication
Thanks for taking part in the consultation by taking the online survey or downloading the standard and sending your comments to Shemina Amarsy at standard@goodweave.org by the 3rd of January 201)

Your feedback is important!

Thank you!