INTENT

Compliance with the GoodWeave International Generic Standard provides importers and manufacturers with an assurance that the goods they make and sell have been produced without child labor, forced labor or bonded labor. GoodWeave applies this rigorous set of labor rights criteria to products produced in industries where child labor may be present and informal and marginalized workers are employed. The Scope, Claims and Labeling document is an integral component of the Standard as it defines how the certification principles and requirements are applied within the GoodWeave programs.

This document presents the scope and claims for apparel, accessories and fashion jewelry.

The scope section defines the products included in the product category, in addition to the workplaces and geographies covered by the Standard.

The claims section describes how claims may be used by licensees that participate in GoodWeave programs that do not result in on-product labeling.
SCOPE

The GoodWeave International Generic Standard covers the production of apparel items, including clothing (ex: woven tops, woven bottoms, dresses, knit tops, knit bottoms, outerwear, etc.); accessories (ex: hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc.); and fashion jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, and ornaments for apparel or textiles).

The Standard applies to select processes, workplaces, and workers within the supply chain of the GoodWeave licensee. This includes select processes carried out in the license holder’s own facilities, as well as subcontractor facilities at all levels of the supply chain, whether through direct or indirect sourcing.

Suppliers of raw materials and components are distinct from subcontractors. The Standard does not cover processes carried out by suppliers who provide raw materials or components:

- Raw materials are unprocessed, natural or man-made materials (e.g. cotton, wool, silk, polyester, nylon, for apparel and aluminum, zirconia for jewelry) used in the production of the final goods.
- Components are materials used in product construction such as yarn, thread, fabrics, buttons, zippers, beads, labels and other embellishments or trims.

The supply chains for these raw materials and components are not within the scope of the Standard unless production processes occur at a location already considered in-scope.

The Standard covers exporters, as well as subcontracted production units including small/medium/large factories, dedicated centers, and home-based worker households. It applies to formal as well as informal production sites.

The geographic scope of the Standard includes all countries where GoodWeave operates.

CLAIMS AND LABELING

Being a GoodWeave licensee provides the best assurance that no child labor, forced labor or bonded labor was used in the making of Covered products.

Licensed exporters, their subcontractors and homebased production sites must comply with the Standard. Compliance with the Standard is verified through inspection and monitoring and approved by GoodWeave.

Licensed importers and exporters may only use claims to promote their partnership with GoodWeave, using approved communications materials in line with the GoodWeave Trademark Policy, available here.

Send all requests for sample language, as well as reviews and approvals to Partnerships@GoodWeave.org. GoodWeave also approves customized language for apparel, fashion jewelry and accessories licensees on a case-by-case basis.

Currently, there is no on-product labeling of apparel, fashion jewelry and accessories.