

Levi Strauss & Co. Commitment to Source Sustainable Wood-Based Fibers

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Levi Strauss & Co. (LS&Co.) is committed to sourcing all fibers and materials used to produce our clothing responsibly. Fibers like viscose, modal and lyocell are produced using wood pulp. Attention to the sourcing of wood as well as the fiber manufacturing processes used to produce these fibers can have significant impacts on the environment, from air and water quality to biodiversity.

In this light, LS&Co. has developed this policy to protect ancient and endangered forests and address the environmental and social impacts of wood-based fiber production. With this commitment, we will collaborate with the industry and the following organizations:

1. Canopy – to address the sustainable sourcing of wood-based fibers, consistent with our [CanopyStyle](#) commitment to work with our suppliers to prevent wood-based materials from the world's [ancient and endangered forests](#) from entering our supply chain.
2. Changing Markets Foundation – to address the environmental and social impacts of man-made cellulosic fiber (MMCF) manufacturing, consistent with our [Commitment to Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals](#) and the [Changing Markets Roadmap](#).

We are therefore committed to the following actions and principles to address the environmental and social impacts of wood-based fibers used in our products:

1. Working with our suppliers and others in the apparel industry to not knowingly source fabrics from ancient and endangered forests by 2020; and to ensure that any non-recycled wood-based raw materials are sourced from plantations, forests or farms that are responsibly managed to promote biodiversity and protect against deforestation
2. Working with our suppliers to develop, utilize and scale next-generation fibers, made with circular manufacturing processes and recycled or regenerative raw material inputs
3. Providing transparency to MMCF suppliers (by 2020) and individual factories (by 2021)
4. Engaging MMCF suppliers to assess and address the impacts of MMCF fiber production, through the following mechanisms:
 - Establishing regular environmental and social impact assessments; disclosing impact assessment results and progress updates
 - Ensuring compliance with all local laws and workplace regulations and that human rights are respected and upheld for workers and supply chain communities
 - Minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and water withdrawals from the environment
 - Applying our [Commitment to Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals](#) and the ZDHC Foundation's [Guidelines for MMCFs](#) and [Wastewater Guidelines](#) and to prevent water and air pollution and the release of hazardous substances
 - Ensuring waste is prevented, reused, recycled, recovered and/or disposed of in an environmentally sustainable manner

**This is an update to our Commitment to Source Sustainable Forest Fabrics (2014)*