

Benetton's full answer

We would like to confirm that Benetton Group introduced a formal ban on the use of cotton originating from Turkmenistan in 2023. Since then, we have required all our suppliers to comply with this requirement and have communicated this policy across our supply chain.

We recognize that ensuring compliance with such bans poses significant challenges due to the inherent complexity of the global cotton supply chain, for this reason we are committed with ongoing efforts and due diligence processes.

After a request for further details

The decision to formally ban the use of cotton originating from Turkmenistan was made in 2023. While the ban is already in effect and no suppliers have since declared sourcing materials from Turkmen fabric mills, significant challenges remain. Our current mapping system allows us to trace materials up to Tier 2 suppliers (fabric mills and fabric-related processes).

Our ongoing efforts are focused on improving traceability within our supply chain even though at this stage, we cannot provide a precise timeline.