

H&M's full answer

We treat any indication of forced labour very seriously and we have for many years been working to address the risk. In addition to our [Sustainability Commitment](#), all our direct suppliers must sign our commitment to not source conventional cotton for H&M products from Turkmenistan, where the risk of systemic forced labour is very high. Liberty Mills Limited signed this commitment in 2021. This supplier sources recycled cotton and the Better Cotton for our production. To the best of our knowledge they only use material from: Pakistan, USA, Argentina and Australia for our products.

We take our own commitment to only source recycled, organic or other sustainably sourced cotton seriously. All our suppliers must source cotton from credible and robust standards and certifications and our teams follow that our requirements are met.

After a request for further details

We don't recognise these figures as cotton sourced for our production. It is through the different transaction certificates and references that we know what kind of cotton that has been sourced for us, which can only be either organic, recycled or other sustainably sourced cotton (mainly from the Better Cotton standard).

The cotton that Liberty Mills sources for us is recycled cotton and Better Cotton, which can only come from licensed farms in the countries where they are present (please see the full list [here](#)). In addition to this, we receive a detailed Sourcing Report from Better Cotton, through which we are able to confirm that the cotton needed for our orders matches the amount that has been sourced from them. According to the data that we have, we have no reason to question that there has been a breach of our commitment not to source conventional cotton from Turkmenistan for our products, if we would receive any other indications, we would follow up on this with the supplier.

After a request for further details

When we say that we don't recognise these figures as cotton sourced for our production, we mean that the quantity mentioned does not correspond with the cotton that this supplier has sourced for us, since they can only source cotton for our products following our criteria (recycled, organic or other sustainably sourced cotton, like Better Cotton). In this case, Liberty Mills has only sourced two types of cotton for us: recycled cotton (which has its own certification scheme) and Better Cotton, which can only come from licensed farmers in the [list](#) countries where they are present. In addition to that, as mentioned, all our suppliers must sign our [Sustainability Commitment](#), and our specific commitment to not source conventional cotton for H&M products from Turkmenistan.