

ETHICAL STATEMENT

Kustom Kit believes that business should be conducted with total respect for people and the environment. We adopt a rigorous selection process for garment manufacturers, ensuring only those that are totally committed to exceeding our high ethical standards become appointed suppliers. We have never purchased from a supplier that we haven't inspected and approved personally.

We do not own our factories and choose instead to build strong working relationships with carefully selected suppliers. We employ local agents and staff based in each of our garment factories whose sole focus is to ensure total compliance of our strict ethical standards for suppliers and to test fabric and finished garments at source.

SUPPLY CHAIN CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE

Our products are manufactured by different supplier organisations employing thousands of people in several countries. We recognise and honour our duty to protect the workforce employed to manufacture our garments and work tirelessly with our suppliers to ensure the provision of fair wages and working hours, safe and hygienic working conditions, regular employment and no discrimination, harsh or inhumane treatment of employees.

In order to manufacture Kustom Kit garments, each appointed supplier must comply with national and other applicable laws and conform to the following terms as a minimum requirement:

- Children must not be employed below the legal minimum age required by the law of the individual country.
- Employees are to be paid above the legal minimum wage as required by the law of the individual country.
- Working hours must not exceed those set out by local legislation. Overtime must always be voluntary and remunerated at a premium rate.
- Maternity leave must be made available to all female employees.
- Employment is freely chosen and no discrimination is practiced. There is no use of forced or involuntary labour and employees are free to leave their employment after reasonable notice.
- Good working conditions must prevail. The provision of adequate wash room facilities and a canteen are essential.
- Primary medical care must be provided on site.
- Correct procedure and policies should be in place to ensure employee health and safety.
- Workers' representatives are not discriminated against and are allowed access to the workplace to carry out their representative functions.
- Ensure that their own supply chain shares our ethics and is compliant to Kustom Kit's code of conduct.
- We do not accept outsourcing or the use of homeworkers. Failure to adhere to this condition will result in breach of contract.
- Agree to an independent audit as specified by Kustom Kit.

FACTORY AUDITING

An ethical audit is a formal examination of the labour practices of a workplace or company. It is a verifiable process to understand, measure, report on and help improve an organisation's social and environmental performance.

We demand that all of our garment manufacturers hold a valid audit from at least one of the following:



WRAP
Worldwide Responsible
Accredited Production



BSCI
Business Social Compliance Initiative



SMETA
Sedex Members Ethical
Trade Audit

As a further safeguard our garment manufacturers must agree to permit regular unannounced visits from our senior management team.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

We recognise that our business activities affect the natural environment in a number of ways. We strive through continuing improvement to minimise the adverse effects on the environment and the earth's natural resources, whilst safeguarding the health & safety of our employees and the public. We purposely seek out suppliers who take positive action to minimise both waste and the impact of their manufacturing processes on the surrounding environment.

Internally, we constantly look for ways to reduce waste through more efficient procedures and recycling initiatives. These include recycling pallets and shredding cardboard for re-use in packaging. We have also eliminated plastic strapping from all cartons and are reducing plastic packaging wherever possible.

We aim to always:

- Comply with or exceed relevant legislative requirements. Where these are inadequate we will set our own standards that comply with our environmental and ethical criteria.
- Progressively reduce the environmental impact caused by our products and activities.
- Design and manufacture our products with consideration for the environment.
- Encourage manufacturing suppliers to recognise their environmental responsibilities and offer support to help them implement sound environmental health and safety policies and practices and to insist that the same practices are implemented within their own supply chain.
- Ensure that no chemicals deemed harmful to humans or the environment are present in our products.
- Insist that every component in all products hold a valid Oeko-Tex Standard 100 certificate to guarantee chemically safe garments.

European Regulation (EC 2006/1907-REACH regulation)

REACH is a European Regulation concerning chemicals and their safe usage. It aims to improve the protection of human health and the environment through a system of Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals. Chemicals deemed as harmful are added to the 'substance of very high concern list'. Kustom Kit products do not contain any of the chemicals on this list in any quantity and we actively work with REACH Ready to ensure compliance. The restricted substance list is usually updated twice a year. Kustom Kit routinely checks all products against any new listing to ensure we maintain this standard.



Oeko-Tex Standard 100

Oeko-Tex is an independent globally standardised certification especially developed for textiles. Its primary purpose is to ensure that the chemicals used in the manufacture of textile products are in no way damaging to health.

At Kustom Kit we understand what the modern wearer demands from their clothing. We expect colours to be brighter, we want our shirts to need little or no ironing and we require our sportswear to be fully functional keeping us both warm and dry. We test every component from fabric to thread, every label, lining, button and zip so that our customers never have to compromise on comfort or performance. Oeko-Tex Standard 100 allows Kustom Kit to deliver innovate fabrics and designs with complete confidence that no harmful chemicals have been used in their manufacture. Kustom Kit demands all products achieve this certification.

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Standard 100



Oeko-Tex STeP – Promoting Sustainable Textile production

STeP is an additional factory audit which places emphasis on environmental performance and social responsibility. It is only gained by factories who achieve the highest level of sustainable production and safety ethics. The fabric used to manufacture the majority of our shirts is produced in a STeP accredited factory. We are working with our entire manufacturing base to encourage them to take part in the STeP auditing scheme.



SUMMARY

Kustom Kit confirms the following;

- All factories that manufacture Kustom Kit garments hold at least one of the following ethical audits – WRAP, BSCI or SMETA.
- That none of our products contain any of the current substances of very high concern in accordance to European Regulation (EC) 2006/1907 – Reach Regulation.
- All components used in our garments have been tested to Oeko-Tex Standard 100 and hold a current certificate testifying this fact.
- Our management team regularly audit all of our garment manufacturing facilities and key suppliers to these factories.

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