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Attention: Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

Big W response to Forced Labour in Xinjiang, China

BIG W takes the fair and ethical treatment of workers in our supply chain seriously. In July 2018, we re-launched our Responsible Sourcing Program, which aligns with international standards and best practices. We have already begun to see the improvements as a result of the revised standards at the factory level.

In its first year, our Responsible Sourcing Program has focused on direct manufacturing sites and conducting audits at the factory level.

We can confirm we have no factories located in Xinjiang, China and have not received any complaints against our suppliers. We are aware, however, that some of the cotton sourced via our suppliers is likely to be from this region and we are conducting further due diligence.

Currently, we do not have full visibility of the cotton supply chain however we are working to improve traceability and transparency in key high risk commodity areas, like cotton, through our Responsible Sourcing Program in the next 12 months.

Where there are systemic challenges identified, we will work with industry to find a solution to better leverage change. We recognise our role as a responsible retailer and will continue to work hard to make further improvements in this space.