

## **Response from Home Depot**

20 December 2022

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Home Depot to respond to concerns that the company is selling products from Milwaukee Tool which allegedly produces gloves made with forced labor at Hunan Chishan prison in China.

- [Milwaukee Tool: STOP Using Chinese Prisoners of Conscience as Slave Labor \[change.org\]](#), change.org, December 2022
- [“Cheng Yuan’s wife petitions against Milwaukee Tool for using slave labor \[chinaaid.org\]”](#), China Aid, November 2022
- [“Freed Taiwanese activist Lee Ming-che says he did forced labor in mainland jail but was not tortured \[scmp.com\]”](#), South China Morning Post, 10 May 2022

### **Home Depot sent the following response:**

“We prohibit the use of forced or prison labor in our supply chain. This is an issue we take very seriously, and we work closely with our suppliers to ensure the product we sell is free from forced labor and fully compliant with all applicable laws. We cover our ethical sourcing policy and actions in our annual ESG Report, which you can find here starting on page 38:

[https://corporate.homedepot.com/sites/default/files/2022-10/2022\\_ESG\\_Report\\_final\\_4.pdf](https://corporate.homedepot.com/sites/default/files/2022-10/2022_ESG_Report_final_4.pdf)”