**Walmart’s response**

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Walmart to respond to the following items:

* ‘Fyffes Farms Exposed: The Fight for Justice in the Honduran Melon Fields’, International Labor Rights Forum, Fair World Project, and the International Union of Food Workers (IUF) Latin America Regional Secretariat, 21 April 2020: [https://laborrights.org/sites/default/files/docs/FyffesHondurasReport.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__laborrights.org_sites_default_files_docs_FyffesHondurasReport.pdf&d=DwMFAg&c=4JOzdpIlQcN5fHQL_PMhCQ&r=EfEHwlD1D1e_z90mKNJlgX1rIe9CkaCtYoEzuvjMe8I&m=TCGWzlvKGQ7Eu_LfYcXRu47ZEXeKoDf38XsqQBB5BVc&s=eRqExgn0sW2suevBTgB-PxnA-VAORpMDVxCjR_ubhKg&e=)
* ‘New Report Exposes Toxic Chemicals, Human Rights Abuses on Fyffes Melon Farms’, International Labor Rights Forum, 21 April 2020: [https://laborrights.org/releases/new-report-exposes-toxic-chemicals-human-rights-abuses-fyffes-melon-farms](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__laborrights.org_releases_new-2Dreport-2Dexposes-2Dtoxic-2Dchemicals-2Dhuman-2Drights-2Dabuses-2Dfyffes-2Dmelon-2Dfarms&d=DwMFAg&c=4JOzdpIlQcN5fHQL_PMhCQ&r=EfEHwlD1D1e_z90mKNJlgX1rIe9CkaCtYoEzuvjMe8I&m=TCGWzlvKGQ7Eu_LfYcXRu47ZEXeKoDf38XsqQBB5BVc&s=kwGBGVOOWe55MTihX8UR68Y2HtiAUkeCf9dPag3SgrY&e=)

Walmart sent the following response:

“*Thank you for your inquiry and a chance to comment on the report published by International Labor Rights Forum.  Given our high expectations of our suppliers, we took these claims seriously when they were first raised to us and we continue to do so today.  We have coordinated directly with Fyffes, conducted multiple internal investigations at these facilities, and have subjected these facilities to independent third-party social compliance audits. The findings from these investigations and audits were not consistent with your published report. Given our commitment to promoting the dignity of workers in our supply chain, we will continue to monitor the progress of these facilities and take appropriate action whenever we identify violations of our standards.*

*Our Standards for Suppliers specifically address suppliers’ obligation to cultivate a safe and healthy work environment, free of discrimination, abuse and harassment, and that upholds relevant freedom of association laws.*

*We collaborate across industries and organizations around the world to help combat forced and underage labor and  address unsafe working conditions.  To this end, we monitor for and investigate issues in the supply chain, embed responsible sourcing practices into buying decisions, and engage in initiatives to find root cause solutions that can transform entire supply chains. We are one actor among many, but together – with our suppliers, other companies, governments and non-profit organizations – we can drive responsibility in our supply chain, and to lead and inspire others to do the same.*

*If you would like to find out more about our Responsible Sourcing Program please see our ESG Report and Responsible Sourcing website* [*https://corporate.walmart.com/media-library/document/2019-environmental-social-governance-report/\_proxyDocument?id=0000016a-9485-d766-abfb-fd8d84300000*](https://corporate.walmart.com/media-library/document/2019-environmental-social-governance-report/_proxyDocument?id=0000016a-9485-d766-abfb-fd8d84300000)*”*