

Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production - WRAP

At a glance

This document provides an overview of the Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production standard system.

The Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production is one of the several standard systems that are referenced in Standards Map, the interactive web-based tool on private standards developed by the T4SD program of ITC.

What is the Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)

The Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP) is a non-governmental program initiated by a not-for-profit organization which promotes lawful, humane and ethical production and management. WRAP is a standards-setting and certification body.

The WRAP Certification Program is based on 12 Principles focusing on local law and workplace regulations which encompass human resources management, health and safety, environmental practices, and legal compliance including import/export and customs compliance and security standards. WRAP's certification sets three-levels of certification compliance – platinum, gold and silver. The purpose of this three-level approach is to award participating facilities with the appropriate level of recognition for their progress in achieving full compliance with the WRAP Production Principles over a period of time.

What products are covered by the standard system

WRAP's certification main focus is on the apparel, footwear and sewn products sectors. Today, WRAP's facility certification program is expanding further to include all labor-intensive sectors, such as hotels, jewelry, furniture, construction, food, home furnishing, cutlery, glassware, carpet / rugs, lamps and more.

What are the key features of the standard system

- WRAP currently stands as the world's largest certification program for the apparel industry
- WRAP certifies facilities, not brands or businesses. It is not a membership organization.
- The list of WRAP certified facilities by country can be reviewed on the WRAP website.
- WRAP has its headquarters in the United States and has staff in Hong Kong, UK, Spain, Colombia and Mexico.

WRAP: facts and figures

- In 2009, 1,850 factories from around 60 countries participated in the WRAP program and over 1,400 certificates were issued.
- WRAP enjoys the support of 25 international trade associations including the International Apparel Federation which represents 36 national associations and over 150,000 individual companies.

Support

WRAP provides free of charge online access to information and documents that help companies understand the WRAP program and what needs to be done to participate in the certification program. WRAP conducts training in countries throughout the world to assist facility managers in understanding WRAP principles and buyer's social compliance requirements.

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The WRAP standard system is applicable to producers in the following countries and regions

Detailed maps displaying countries where certification / verification is currently operational and countries where certified products / services are sold can be generated on ITC's Standards Map website.



65 countries

ASIA Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam **AFRICA** Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Morocco, South Africa, Tunisia **CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN** Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua **NORTH AMERICA** Germany, Italy, Spain **NORTH AMERICA** Canada, Mexico, United States of America **SOUTH AMERICA** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru

How to become WRAP certified

- Step 1:** Application: To apply for certification, a facility needs to send a completed application form and pay a subscription fee (US\$1195) to WRAP. To apply for certification, click on the website's "New Application" or "Renew Certification" (whichever is relevant to the facility in question).
- Step 2:** Self-assessment: The facility needs to complete a self-assessment of its situation against WRAP's standard with the help of the self-assessment handbook. The handbook is available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. It explains WRAP's principles and requirements. To become certified, a facility will have to adopt all the principles and prepare documentation that demonstrates compliance. Following the self-assessment, the facility 90 days to notify WRAP that it is ready for monitoring and inspection.
- Step 3:** Monitoring: The facility contacts a WRAP accredited monitoring body which will assess the facility's compliance with the WRAP principles and requirements. The facility negotiates a fee with the accredited monitoring body and schedules the date of the audit. A facility has six months from the date of registration and payment of subscription fee to WRAP (Step 1, above) to have the monitoring body submit its final report and recommendations to the factory management copy to WRAP with a favorable mention with regards to compliance.
- Step 4:** Evaluation: Following the submission of the monitoring report, WRAP staff may notify the facility that it needs to correct certain procedures and / or have the monitor complete an additional inspection and report. The factory has 90 days to make the corrections before the monitoring body conducts its follow-up inspection. If the factory does not satisfactorily implement corrective actions within the original six-month grace period, it must renew its application and repay the registration fee in order to be considered for certification. At that time, WRAP staff may recommend to the Certification Board that the factory be certified.
- Step 5:** Certification: The certification board (currently the Board of Directors of WRAP) studies the recommendation of the WRAP staff, reviews the monitor's report, and votes to award or withhold certification. During the one-year certification period, all facilities, especially those that needed a second audit, are subject to additional unannounced inspections.

What areas does the WRAP standard system cover

The following table provides an overview of WRAP principles and requirements and related compliance policies covering social, environmental and economic areas applied in production, processing and trade.

Explanation of Standards Map interpretation of compliance policies in the WRAP standard system:

Immediate Requirement: WRAP Principles and Code of Conduct express mandatory requirements. These are presented in Standards Map as “Immediate requirements”.

	Environment	Social	Economic
Immediate requirements	<p>Chemicals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment and training on chemical use Storage/disposal/waste <p>Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollution management Disposal of waste 	<p>Social/human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion/enhancement of education Housing and sanitary facilities in place <p>Work/labor rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conditions of work Safety at work (ILO 184) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on safety issues Safe work environment Safety equipments and emergency kits Safe handling chemicals Healthy work conditions Access to safe drinking water Access to sanitary facilities at work Access to medical assistance/insurance Training requirements on site No forced labor (ILO 29&105) No use of physical violence Child labor prohibited (ILO 182) Condition of employment Contract labour policies and practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transparency of employment practices Written contracts Leave days clearly specified Timely payment of wages Minimum wage requirements Minimum age (ILO 138) Maximum number of working hours set Workers empowerment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom of association (ILO 87) Collective Bargaining (ILO 98) No discrimination at work (ILO 111) Joint committees 	