



Factory Standard for Apparel and Home Goods Update Announcement

Fair Trade USA

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For the last 18 months Fair Trade USA has been working diligently to make minor updates to our Factory Standard for Apparel and Home Goods with the goal to enhance its clarity to meet the ever-evolving needs and expectations of our factory program partners we serve. The revised Factory Standard for Apparel and Home Goods, Version 1.3.0 was published on November 15, 2017 and went into effect on January 15, 2018. The Standard was accompanied by associated policies and guidance documents which are posted to Fair Trade USA's website.

Fair Trade USA recognizes that supply chains in the rug industry are unique and differ from most supply chains in the apparel and home goods setting. Since the publication of the Standard Version 1.3.0 we created new associated policies and guidance documents to honor the uniqueness of supply chains in the rug industry. We have updated our Standard to Version 1.4.0 to now reference these rug specific documents in the Introduction. In addition we fixed minor grammatical and formatting errors and broken hyperlinks. Compliance Criteria have not been changed.

Effective today, all audits will be conducted against the updated Factory Standard (version 1.4.0). The updated Factory Standard and Compliance Criteria are currently available in English, with translations for Spanish, Hindi, Chinese and Vietnamese following in late 2018.

To download the Factory Standard version 1.4.0, other associated policies, and guidance documents, please visit our [Standards page](#). Questions or comments about the updated Factory Standard and associated documents can be sent to standards@fairtradeusa.org.

