



SAC HIGG INDEX VERIFICATION SERVICES

Driving Collaboration on
Sustainability



BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC) was formed in March 2011 and is a multi-stakeholder group composed of leaders in the global apparel industry. It currently (as of November 2017) has over 200 members, consisting of brands, retailers, manufactures or facilities, non-profits, governments, service providers, trade associations, and academic institutions. SAC members have committed to working together to reduce the environmental and social impacts of apparel and footwear products around the world.

OUR APPROACH

The focus of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition is the development and use of the Higg Index: a suite of self-assessment tools designed to measure the sustainability impacts of apparel and footwear products. At the facility level, there are two modules: the Environmental Facility Module and the Social/Labour Facility Module-Beta. Specifically, the facility tools are primarily used by manufactures and facilities but can also be shared with sourcing, brands, and retailers.

There are 7 Sections in the Environmental Facility Module (EFM):

- Environmental management system or Program (EMS)
- Energy Use & Greenhouse Gas Emission
- Water Use
- Wastewater / Effluent
- Emissions to Air
- Waste Management
- Chemical Use and Management

KEY BENEFITS



Identification of sustainability opportunities and risks in the facility and the supplier chain



A starting place for education. It allows one to learn more about sustainability impacts and to benchmark performance overtime



A standard self-assessment creates common language to communicate sustainability and allows members in the value chain to collaborate



Providing a roadmap for improvement through the way each tool is structured



OUR SOLUTION

Bureau Veritas verifiers have undergone standardized training to ensure highest quality and service. Our experience in environmental areas allows us to offer you a program of proven procedures that will save your time and money.

Additionally, our international network covers 1,400 locations in more than 140 countries, enabling us to verify the production sites of your suppliers directly on-site in most sourcing countries. In addition, we are able to carry out verifications quickly, with fast turnaround of queries/accurate reports.

Furthermore, we have ZERO TOLERANCE against deviation from Code of Ethics. In line with this reputation, we operate an active, dynamic training and integrity program. The aim is to minimize the risk of corruption, as well as to provide verifiers, factories and customers with our guidelines and requirements with regard to integrity.

WHAT IS HIGG INDEX VERIFICATION FOR FACILITIES

Verification Preparation

Facilities complete self-assessment online and provide it to Bureau Veritas

On-site Verification

Bureau Veritas develops Performance Plan after document review, interview and on site observation

Reporting

Bureau Veritas sends the finalized report to the facility and SAC

Higg Index Platform

Facilities upload the verification report in the higg.org platform

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS SERVICES?



NETWORK

Committed to World Class Service Delivery, Driving Optimal Performance & Reliability



KNOWLEDGE

Placing Our Best in Class People at the Heart of Your Vision



LEADERSHIP

A Global Leader in Testing, Inspection & Certification (TIC)



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Improve Reputation, Gain Access to Existing & New Markets

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