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**RAW COTTON SOURCING**

Dear Supplier,

As you will be aware worker welfare is of paramount importance to Tesco Stores Limited, which is why we go to great lengths to conduct ethical inspections in all factories supplying Tesco, wherever they are in the world.

Following ongoing discussions with campaign groups on the subject of cotton production and the use of child labour in this part of the supply chain, we feel the need to re-iterate Tesco's revulsion at the use of child labour. We realise that child labour is a complex issue with many causes which we acknowledge are hard to effect individually. However the use of organised and forced child labour is completely unacceptable and leads us to conclude that whilst these practices persist in Uzbekistan that we cannot support the use of cotton from Uzbekistan in our textiles

We understand that cotton is an internationally traded commodity and that raw cotton sources are not always easily identifiable. However from AW08 onwards we will require you, wherever possible, to identify the source of raw cotton used in Tesco textiles products and document this. We will reserve the right to randomly audit records to monitor the source of raw cotton. Where it has not been possible for you identify the source of raw cotton we will require you to advise the relevant Technical Manager of this and the reasons that this could not be done ahead of starting production.

For further information regarding conditions in the Uzbekistan cotton industry please refer to, [http://www.ejfoundation.org/pdf/white\\_gold\\_the\\_true\\_cost\\_of\\_cotton.pdf](http://www.ejfoundation.org/pdf/white_gold_the_true_cost_of_cotton.pdf) and for advice on tracking the sources of raw cotton please contact Abi Rushton ([abi.rushton@uk.tesco.com](mailto:abi.rushton@uk.tesco.com)).

Please return a signed copy of this letter as an indication of your commitment to this initiative to Nikki Gilman ([Nikki.Gilman@uk.tesco.com](mailto:Nikki.Gilman@uk.tesco.com)) by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007.

*Tours sincerely*  
  
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