GIVING BACK WHAT WE TAKE

At Esprit, we believe in a holistic, responsible approach towards life, which we aim to integrate into our everyday actions. When we produce beautiful apparel, we strive to consider the need to minimise our impact on the environment. When we manufacture clothing for you, we support the idea that the people producing it should also achieve a better life. We strongly believe that whatever you take, you have to give back. It is our on-going goal to pay respect to people, nature and future generations. We continuously work to help those who cannot help themselves - including our planet. This is our aspiration and our passion.

Source: esprit.com - WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

It’s part of the Esprit heritage to think about how we make our products. Back in the 80s, we were the first brand to introduce an eco-collection and we continue that work to protect our environment.

In December 2012, Esprit made a commitment to work with its supply partners to eliminate potentially hazardous chemicals in the manufacture of products.

We promised to remove all PFCs from the manufacture of our products by the end of December 2014. We are pleased to announce that this goal was achieved on all products sold in our stores from August this year, four months ahead of schedule. By doing this, we contribute to removing 54.3 tons/year² of PFC based chemistry from our supply chain. However, we don’t stop there; we continue to invest in research to enhance future products.

For many years, Phthalates have been banned by Esprit in the manufacturing process and from April 2013, we applied the same ban to the intentional use of APEOs. All of the above has been written into the General Terms and Conditions of Purchase and Delivery (GCPD) with our suppliers.

For due diligence, we test all our products during the manufacturing process (3rd Party Laboratory) and prior to delivery (Esprit in-house RSL Laboratory), so every Esprit consumer can be confident of a safe purchase and together we help to protect our environment.

Over the past year, Esprit continued to work alongside other brands as proactive members of the ZDHC Group (Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals). Together we have created a restriction to stop the use of other priority chemicals by the introduction of a MRSL (Manufacturing Restricted Substance List). We are committed to training all our suppliers in MRSL, use of positive formulations and delivery of responsible use of chemicals. Having commenced with our largest facilities, we will continue to roll this out across our supply chain.

In the last 18 months, we tested and evaluated the discharge from 33 of our core facilities in China and 1 in Bangladesh. 42% of these reported publically on the IPE web platform. While we will maintain this number and continue to test, this will become the measure of improvement made as we turn our focus to the introduction of the MRSL and positive chemistry.

1 http://www.esprit.com/company/sustainability/what_we_believe_in/
2 Estimation based on the garments sold in FY2013/14, the average fabric usage rating and the chemical formulation applied at 60g/l with 70% pickup.