



Statement on the Implementation of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA)

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As the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) enters into force today, and key components required by the UFLPA are published, including the UFLPA enforcement strategy and the Entity List, the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA), National Retail Federation (NRF), Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), and The United States Fashion Industry Association (USFIA) made the following statement:

Our members have a zero tolerance for forced labor and will continue to make every effort to mitigate, root out, eliminate, and prevent forced labor in their supply chains. The UFLPA is a key component of a broad global strategy, and our shared goal, to end forced labor.

We look forward to an increased partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. government's Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force as industry works to amplify the U.S. government's efforts to eliminate forced labor not only in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) but globally.

This partnership is critical to make UFLPA enforcement as effective and targeted as possible.

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The American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) is the national trade association representing apparel, footwear and other sewn products companies, and their suppliers, which compete in the global market. Representing more than 1,000 world famous name brands, AAFA is the trusted public policy and political voice of the apparel and footwear industry, its management and shareholders, its three million U.S. workers, and its contribution of more than \$350 billion in annual U.S. retail sales. AAFA drives progress on three key priorities: Brand Protection; Supply Chain & Sourcing; Trade, Logistics, & Manufacturing. AAFA approaches this work through the lens of purpose-driven leadership in a manner that supports each member's ability to build and sustain inclusive and diverse cultures, meet and advance ESG goals, and draw upon the latest technology.