

Raw Materials Sourcing Policy

Maisons du Monde cares about its impact on the planet and views sustainable procurement of raw materials as a responsibility and an opportunity to reduce it. This vision can only be ensured through a collaborative relationship with our suppliers in order to achieve mutual benefits that sustainability can provide to our businesses.

As a supplier of Maisons du Monde, you commit to respect this policy for all the new developments and provide your best efforts to transform the existing ones.

WOOD

The planet's forests are under threat. Illegal or unsustainable logging, agricultural expansion, livestock ranching lead to the deforestation, loss of biodiversity and climate change.

Maisons du Monde is committed to ensure responsible sourcing of wooden raw materials based on the respect of national and foreign regulations, sourcing from well-managed forests and use of recycled materials.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- **Provide origin information for all wood-based raw materials**

This information includes:

- Common name of the wood species
- Scientific name of the wood species (genus + species)
- Country of harvest
- Quantity per raw material and per item
- % of recycled material per item

If exact wood species is unknown, supplier should list all possible species.

In case of recycled or reclaimed material only country of origin and quantity of material are required.

- **Exclude endangered wood species based on IUCN red list**

- Maisons du Monde considers as endangered species listed by IUCN Red List as Vulnerable (VU), Endangered (EN) or Critically Endangered (CR): <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

- **Exclude species listed in Appendix I of the CITES convention**

- Species listed in Appendices II and III can be accepted only if the appropriate document has been obtained from the CITES authority of the exporting country. The CITES status of the species can be checked on <https://www.speciesplus.net/>

- **Exclude wood procurement from high risk areas**

Maisons du Monde won't accept wood sourcing from countries involved into illegal logging practices and human rights violations, namely from:

- Burma (Myanmar)
- Congo Basin
- Amazon Basin

- **Comply with European Timber Regulation (EUTR)**

The EUTR aims to prohibit sales of illegally harvested timber and products derived from such timber on the European market. It requires all the importers like MDM to trace the wood to its origin in order to assure its legal harvest. Therefore, supplier should provide once a year documentation proving legal harvest for each wooden raw material used for MDM items manufacturing.

The list of required documents will depend on the wood species, country of harvest, number of nodes in the supply chain, certification if any and many other criteria. The EUTR manager will contact you to specify the exact requirements.

In case of high risk detected, MDM reserves the right to carry out an audit at supplier's premises.

Maisons du Monde won't be able to develop business relationship with non-compliant with EUTR suppliers.

- **Align with certification standards**

Maisons du Monde currently recognizes two wood certifications:

- FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council)
- PEFC™ (Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification)

These labels guarantee that the wood is coming from responsible sources. This guaranty is assured by the certification of all the nodes of the supply chain: starting from the “*Forest Management certification*”, followed by a “*Chain of Custody certification*” of all the remaining nodes (including traders, products manufacturers, exporters, importers, etc...).

Supplier selling certified products to Maisons du Monde should be able to provide:

- His valid Chain of Custody certificate whatever his type of business.
- Proof of purchase of certified products/raw materials. In other words, with FSC/PEFC license code of his wood supplier mentioned on it.

Maisons du Monde reserves the right to carry out an audit to ensure the respect of the certification standards at supplier’s premises.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Prioritize FSC® to PEFC™ certification**

The FSC® certification, as the most robust, should be prioritized especially for tropical wood species. PEFC™ certification can be accepted only for low risk countries.

- **Prioritize recycled and reclaimed raw materials**

Reuse wood material avoid cutting new trees and thus reduces the impact on the natural resources. Supplier should prioritize recycled and reclaimed raw materials whenever it is possible.

- **Provide your best efforts to reduce detected risks**

If supplier is located in a high-risk county, or if any non-negligible risk is detected throughout his supply chain, Maisons du Monde will accompany him toward more responsible sourcing. The action plan will depend on the risk level, the complexity of the supply chain and the local context. Maisons du Monde is committed to find the best solution without disturbing supplier’s business model unless it’s necessary. In his turn, supplier should provide his best efforts to follow Maisons du Monde’s recommendations.

LEATHER

& other raw materials of animal origin

Leather production has a significant environmental impact. Deforestation caused by pastures expansion, water and air pollution caused by tanneries, unsafety working conditions and animal cruelty – are the key challenges related to the leather industry.

Maisons du Monde is committed to ensure responsible sourcing of leather based on the respect of national and foreign regulations, traceability till the slaughterhouses and sourcing from LWG certified tanneries.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- **Provide origin information of the raw material**

This information includes:

- Exact species name of the animal/bird
- Country and region of farming
- Country and region of slaughtering
- Country and region of pickling/wet blue and finishing tanneries (for leather)
- Country and region of processing plant (for feathers)

- **Exclude endangered animal species based on IUCN red list**

Maisons du Monde considers as endangered species listed by IUCN Red List as Vulnerable (VU), Endangered (EN) or Critically Endangered (CR): <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

- **Exclude animal species listed in Appendix I of the CITES convention**
Species listed in Appendices II and III can be accepted only if the appropriate document has been obtained from the CITES authority of the exporting country. The CITES status of the species can be checked on <https://www.speciesplus.net/>
- **Exclude natural fur**
“Fur“ shall not include 1) such skins as are converted into leather or which in processing have, or shall have, the hair, fleece, or fur fibers completely removed, 2) materials clipped, shorn, or combed from animals, such as fleece, sheepskin, or shearling, 3) leather or hair attached to skin that is typically used as leather, e.g. cowhide with hair attached, or 4) synthetic materials intended to look like fur.
- **Exclude materials of animal origin if they are not a by-product of the meat industry**
Maisons du Monde won't accept raw materials from animals that have been slaughtered exclusively for their hides, feathers or bones or that have been skinned or plucked alive.
- **Ensure materials of animal origin coming from legal slaughtering**
Maisons du Monde will only accept raw materials of animal origin coming from legal slaughtering.

For the Indian raw materials especially, the supplier should make sure it's coming from the State where the slaughtering is allowed.
- **Ensure animal welfare practices**
Seller commits to ensure the slaughterhouses involved in Maisons du Monde's supply chain to respect the Five Freedoms defined by the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC), i.e. seller should be able to provide:
 - Animal Welfare Ethics Policy signed by the slaughterhouse
 - Proofs of material purchase between all the nodes of the supply chain till the slaughterhouse (requested only for a traceability purpose, prices can be hidden)
- **Exclude materials of animal origin from farms involved in Amazon deforestation**
Hides and other materials of animal origin coming from South America represent a high risk for Maisons du Monde as potentially involved in Amazon Biome's deforestation.

A risk assessment will be conducted based on provided information and documents mentioned above. In case of high risk detected, Seller commits to provide his best efforts in order to reduce it.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Ensure responsible tanning process for leather**
Maisons du Monde strongly recommends to source hides and leather from Leather Working Group rated tanneries.

LWG audit protocol has been developed collectively by tanneries, brands, manufacturers and NGOs, to assess the environmental compliance and performance capabilities and promotes sustainable and appropriate environmental business practices within the leather industry. The list of the certified tanneries can be found on the LWG website: www.leatherworkinggroup.com
- **Prioritize recycled or reclaimed leather**
Reuse leather material avoid slaughtering animals and reduce the impact on the environment. Maisons du Monde encourages its suppliers to use recycled and reclaimed raw materials whenever it is possible.
- **Provide your best efforts to reduce detected risks**
If supplier is located in a high-risk county, or if any non-negligible risk is detected throughout his supply chain, Maisons du Monde will accompany him toward more responsible sourcing. The action plan will depend on the risk level, the complexity of the supply chain and the local context. Maisons du Monde is committed to find the best solution without disturbing supplier's business model unless it's really necessary. In his turn, supplier should provide his best efforts to follow Maisons du Monde's recommendations.

UPHOLSTERY FABRICS

Textile industry is currently considered as the most polluting industrial sector in the world, after oil and gas. It is characterized by the high consumption of resources like water, fuel and a variety of chemicals in a long process chain that generates a significant amount of waste.

Among other fibers, cotton is the most widespread fiber used for textile production. It is also the most challenging one because it has the most significant environmental and human health impact. Most of the cotton grown in the world is grown with the use of vast quantities of pesticides and fertilizers. In addition, cases of forced labor and child labor are observed in cotton cultivation.

Polyester also has a significant impact on the environment as it's a petroleum-based fiber. It is made from a carbon-intensive non-renewable resource and it is not bio-degradable and will persist in the eco-system even as it eventually breaks apart.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- **Provide exact composition and origin information of the fibers**

This information includes:

- % per fiber and per item
- Country and region of farming for natural fibers

- **Exclude cotton procurement from high risk areas**

Maisons du Monde won't accept cotton sourcing from countries involved in human rights violations, namely forced labor and child labor, i.e. from:

- Uzbekistan
- Syria
- Xinjiang province, China

- **Align with textile certification standards**

Maisons du Monde currently recognizes two textile certification standards:

- GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)

It is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibers covering chemical risks, environmental and social impacts of the cotton cultivation and dyeing processes.

Supplier selling items with GOTS-certified upholstery to Maisons du Monde should be able to provide:

- Valid GOTS certificate of his fabric supplier whatever his type of business
- Transaction Certificate covering GOTS certified fabric purchase

- Oeko-Tex® Standard 100

It is a worldwide independent testing and certification system for potentially harmful substances in textiles applying to raw, semi-finished, and finished textile products at all processing levels.

Supplier using Oeko-Tex®-certified fabrics for Maisons du Monde's products should be able to provide:

- Valid Oeko-Tex® certificate of his fabric supplier whatever his type of business
- Compliance certificate which lists Maisons du Monde's references covered by the certificate

Maisons du Monde reserves the right to carry out an audit to ensure the respect of the certification standards at supplier's premises or its associated companies.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Prioritize recycled fibers**

In order to reduce the environmental impact of the textile industry, Maisons du Monde encourages its suppliers to use recycled fibers whenever it's possible, especially when it concerns cotton and polyester fibers.

- **Provide your best efforts to reduce detected risks**

If supplier is located in a high-risk country, or if any non-negligible risk is detected throughout his supply chain, Maisons du Monde will accompany him toward more responsible sourcing. The action plan will depend on the risk level, the complexity of the supply chain and the local context. Maisons du Monde is committed to find the

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