

PAN AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF RECYCLING AND SECONDHAND TEXTILES (PARST)



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5.0 POLICY ON QUALITY ASSURANCE TOURS AND CERTIFICATION FOR SUPPLIER COUNTRIES

5.1 Objective

To establish a standardized framework for assessing the quality of secondhand textiles and recycled materials sourced from supplier countries, ensuring compliance with environmental and ethical standards.

5.2 Key Policy Provisions

5.1.1 Quality Inspection Tours:

- 5.1.1.1 Conducted three times a year (March, June, November) to evaluate the quality and sustainability of textile shipments.
- 5.1.1.2 Assess compliance with international standards for textile reuse and recycling.
- 5.1.1.3 Engage third-party auditors to ensure independent verification of quality and compliance standards.

5.1.2 Supplier Certification Program:

- 5.1.2.1 Implementation of a certification system for suppliers who meet quality, sustainability, and ethical trade criteria.
- 5.1.2.2 Certified suppliers will be given priority for trade partnerships with PARST members.
- 5.1.2.3 Certification will be valid for a period of two years, subject to re-evaluation.

5.1.3 Environmental Compliance Assessment:

- 5.1.3.1 Evaluation of supplier country practices in waste management, recycling efficiency, and sustainability initiatives.
- 5.1.3.2 Encourage the adoption of eco-friendly processing techniques.
- 5.1.3.3 Mandate adherence to international environmental standards such as ISO 14001.

5.1.4 Training and Capacity Building:

- 5.1.4.1 Supplier workshops and training on quality control, sustainability best practices, and compliance with global textile recycling standards.
- 5.1.4.2 Development of digital learning resources and on-site training programs.
- 5.1.4.3 Establish partnerships with local industry experts to provide hands-on training.

5.1.5 Data Monitoring and Reporting:

- 5.1.5.1 Annual reports on supplier country performance, highlighting compliance levels and areas of improvement.
- 5.1.5.2 Public disclosure of supplier certification status to enhance transparency in the supply chain.
- 5.1.5.3 Adoption of blockchain technology for improved tracking and verification of textile sources.

5.1.6 Consumer and Market Transparency:

- 5.1.6.1 Implementation of labeling systems to inform buyers about the sustainability rating of suppliers.
- 5.1.6.2 Collaboration with consumer advocacy groups to

promote ethical purchasing decisions.

5.1.7 Penalties and Compliance Enforcement:

5.1.7.1 Suppliers found to be non-compliant with set standards will face penalties, including suspension or revocation of certification.

- 5.1.7.2 Implementation of corrective action plans for suppliers failing initial compliance checks.
- 5.1.7.3 Establishment of a grievance redress mechanism for stakeholders to report non-compliance.

5.3 Conclusion

This policy ensures that secondhand textiles and recycled materials sourced from supplier countries align with industry best practices, fostering responsible trade and environmental sustainability.