

HIGG INDEX FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL MODULE

SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT VERIFICATION SOLUTIONS

The Social Apparel Coalition's Higg Index empowers and trains facilities of all sizes, at every stage in their sustainability journey, to measure their environmental, social, and labour impacts and identify areas for improvement.



Your challenges, our solutions

Due to international pressures and growing public concerns, it is increasingly more important for retail manufacturers to account for the environmental impact of their supply chains. Attaining a level of supplier transparency in terms of real environmental performance has eluded leading multinational organizations for decades.

In 2012, the Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC) launched the HIGG Index Facilities Environmental Module, a self-assessment standard for the apparel and footwear industry, to assess environmental sustainability throughout the supply chain. The standard was co-authored by numerous brands, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and non-profit entities

Utilizing the Higg Index, a brand or retailer can generate a complete overview of the sustainability performance of their organization, supply chain partners and products. The information garnered from the verifications can then be used to create action plans for continual improvement.

The Higg Index Facility Environmental Module covers the following 7 key areas:

- Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions
- Water Use
- Wastewater Effluent
- Air Emissions
- Waste Management
- Chemical Management

How Intertek can help

As an approved verifier for the Higg Facilities Environmental Module, Intertek can complete independent assessments and training for the Environmental Facility Module for apparel and footwear manufacturers.

As brands all over the world continue to strive to meet strict sustainability goals, Intertek experts have been adapting unique techniques to best drive continual improvement through a reduced environmental footprint, increased efficiency, and saving on cost through improved processes and reduction in waste.

The Higg index verification services provide factories an understanding of their environmental strengths and weaknesses, benchmarking their performance against their competitors and setting key performance indicators to reach their goals.

As a SAC Higg Index approved verification body, Intertek maintains a list of senior SAC Higg Index approved environmental experts who can assist you with facility environmental performance on-site verification and training. Intertek offers training to facilities personnel and focuses on the practices and functions of sustainability and calculated achievement. The Higg Index is part of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition's (SAC) suite of tools that enable transparency in the apparel manufacturing industry.

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