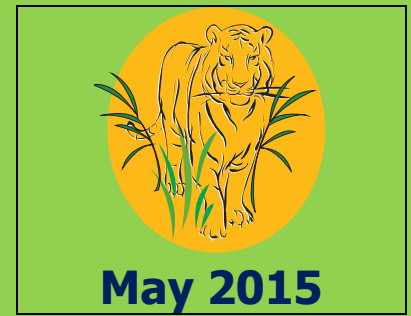


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Higg Index - How sustainable is your factory?

Is your factory sustainable? Do you know where it currently stands? Can you quantify the sustainability of your factory?



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The "Higg Index" tool comprises self assessment standard tools for assessing environmental and social sustainability.

There are two versions of Higg Index:

- Higg Index 1.0 – 26 June 2012
- Higg Index 2.0 – 11 December 2013

Higg Index 2.0 has two tools (MS Excel spreadsheets) for factories, three tools (MS Excel spreadsheets) for brands and two web-tools for product designers. The tools for factories and brands are based on environmental and social/Labour impacts.



Using the tools will give a numeric value of the sustainability of a factory. From the results an action plan for improvements can be developed.

The Sustainable Apparel Coalition recommends the use of the "Higg Index" as a self assessment tool to drive improvements to the sustainability of facilities, brands and products. SAC is continuously refining the "Higg Index".

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