



# SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNTRY RISKS AND POLICIES

## 1 Country Risk Assessment

We constantly analyse our supply chains to identify risks for SCoC\* violations in (potential) sourcing markets

## 2 Country Policies

We adapt our processes to specific country risks

## 3 Issue-related Policies

We adapt our processes to issue-related risks

# 1 Country Risk Assessment

Different social, political and environmental indicators are taken into account to evaluate the risk for SCoC\* violation in all (potential) sourcing markets.

## Country Risk Score

Status: July 2025

Scope: potential sourcing markets for Tchibo

Country	Risk	Country	Risk	Country	Risk
Czech Republic		China** / ***		Bangladesh	
Germany		Hungary		Cambodia	
Italy***		Indonesia		India***	
Latvia		Laos		Pakistan	
Lithuania		Poland		Belarus, Iran, North Korea, Myanmar, Russia, Turkmenistan	
Netherlands		Romania			
Slovakia		Sri Lanka			
Slovenia		Taiwan			
Switzerland		Thailand			
		Tunisia			
		Turkey			
		Vietnam			

## Risk Grading and Minimum Audit Requirements

	Low Risk	No Audit
	Risk	1-day Social and Environmental Audit ** as part of Tchibo Quality Audit, if expertise allows
	High Risk	2-day Social and Environmental Audit
	No Sourcing	

## Indicators and Sources for Country Risk Score

All dimensions are evaluated based on international indices as well as supply chain data.

Labour	Environment
e.g. Human Development Index (United Nations), Global Slavery Index- Vulnerability (Walk Free Foundation), Workers Rights Index (International Trade Union Confederation), Children's Rights in the Workplace Index (UNICEF and Global Child Forum)	e.g. Wastewater Index, Air Quality Index, Carbon Intensity Index, Solid Waste Management Index, Solid Waste Management Index (Yale and Columbia University), Water Stress Index (World Resources Institute)
Business Ethics	Management systems
e.g. Corruption Perceptions Index (Transparency International), Corporate Governance Index (World Bank), Freedom In the World Index (Freedom House)	e.g. Transparency of Government Policymaking Index (World Bank)
Health & Safety	Sector/ Product Risk
e.g. Sanitation & Drinking Water Index (Yale and Columbia University)	Social and Environmental Risks in Apparel, Footwear and Textiles & Hard Goods sector

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## 2 Country Policies

Beyond audit requirements, the country risk analysis results in specific country and/or issue-related policies which are detailed requirements additional to the SCoC\* provisions that are already in place.

Country	Risk	Policy for Tchibo products**
All risk and high risk countries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sourcing in case of Zero Tolerance findings at new factories.</li> <li>No sourcing in case Zero Tolerance remediation is not started after four weeks at factories with established buying relationship.</li> </ul>
Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk in regard to fire and building safety in textile, garment and footwear factories throughout the country.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every factory to be assessed on overall suitability according to Tchibo SCoC in a pre-visit by qualified Tchibo staff.</li> <li>Every RMG factory to be assessed on fire and building safety according to requirements of International Accord on Health and Safety in the Garment Industry ("Accord"). Every non-RMG factory to undergo and/or prove structural and fire safety engineering inspection in line with Accord requirements.</li> <li>Every factory to be added to the Tchibo portfolio needs to be registered with Accord. 100% of initial Accord findings to be corrected within one year.</li> </ul>
Great Britain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Textile and garment factories in and around the city of Leicester are alleged to violate labour law in the form of informal work, below-minimum wage remuneration, inadequate health and safety standards and other.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No production in/sourcing from Leicester.</li> </ul>
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of forced labour in the textile and garment sector of the state of Tamil Nadu</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sourcing from textile or cotton processing factories in Tamil Nadu (Tier 1 or 2) is only possible after diligent desk research and initial compliance plus audit with extended forced labour scope.</li> </ul>
Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palestinian workers in Israel might face discrimination in employment, wages and working conditions, especially in Israeli-administered industrial zones in the West Bank.</li> <li>Within the Israel-Gaza war the risk can quickly change and intensify.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No production in/sourcing from West Bank and Gaza Strip.</li> <li>Special awareness for all sourcing from Israel. For any business relationship the manufacturer situation will be evaluated individually, taking internal and external sources into account.</li> </ul>

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Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A high number of Chinese-owned textile and garment workshops in and round the town of Prato and Florence, Tuscany, allegedly employ vast numbers of undocumented immigrants and are suspected to conduct forced labour, violate labour laws and standards as well as other laws notoriously.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factories located in and around Prato and Florence need to be assessed through diligent desk research and an external audit (see risk score 2 in country risk analysis), indicating suitability with Tchibo SCoC.</li> </ul>
Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic violation of civic and human rights since military coup in February 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sourcing from Myanmar from January 2022.</li> </ul>
Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of refugees working in the textile, garment and footwear sector increases across the country, resulting in a high risk of informal work, child labour and subsequent labour rights violations.</li> <li>Businesses are allowed to employ Syrian refugees if they do not represent more than 10% of the total workforce of the company.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suppliers and producers in Turkey are to be informed about the Tchibo policy on refugees in Turkey: no child labour, no discrimination, equal pay for equal work, provide translations into Arabic, compliance with national regulation (including 10% quota).</li> <li>The regular Tchibo child labour policy applies.</li> <li>Each new supplier and producer must undergo a diligent desk research.</li> </ul>
Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk in regard to workplace/health &amp; safety in textile, garment industry .</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In January 2023, Tchibo signed Pakistan Accord to respect workplace safety/Human Rights.</li> <li>Suppliers and producers are to be informed about Pakistan Accord incl. Pakistan Accord Building Standard which outlines the minimum requirements and criteria for fire safety, structural safety, electrical hazards, and other potential dangers within garment and textile factory environments.</li> <li>Suppliers and producers are expected to have openness and willingness to participate in upcoming Pakistan Accord inspections</li> </ul>

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Issue	Risk	Policy for Tchibo products**
<b>Abrasive Blasting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For certain garments and other products, abrasive blasting in the form of sand- or chemical blasting is applied.</li> <li>Exposure to dust from blasting techniques is a serious health hazard, which can damage the respiratory system and may be lethal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abrasive blasting processes is checked as part of internal and external audits.</li> <li>No sourcing from manufacturers that apply sandblasting or chemical blasting in textile production.</li> <li>Sourcing from non-textile factories that apply abrasive blasting methods only if required safeguards are in place.</li> <li>If audits reveal risks associated with abrasive blasting processes, an in-depth “Risk Check Abrasive Blasting” is mandatory.</li> </ul>
<b>Child Labour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Labour refers to work that is, with exceptions, carried out by children aged below 16.</li> <li>It also refers to work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children (below 16 years) or young workers (16-18 years), interferes with their schooling and deprives them of their childhood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sourcing from factories that employ children</li> <li>Remediation in cases of Child Labour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The worker below the legal minimum age must be immediately released from work.</li> <li>The factory is expected to send the child back to his/her family and transportation cost must be covered by the factory.</li> <li>The open position is to be offered to a family member who has reached the legal minimum age for admission to work.</li> <li>The factory is expected to provide adequate financial and other support to enable such children to attend and remain in school.</li> <li>When reaching the minimum age for admission to work, the child is to be offered re-employment in his/her earlier position.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Home and Cottage Work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In some countries (e.g. Bangladesh, India) and/or industries (e.g. weaving, hand-made craft goods), home-based work or homework is common practice and widespread.</li> <li>Risk issues include child labour, no payment of minimum wages, excessive overtime etc.</li> <li>However, homeworkers may have advantages such as flexible working hours, saving on childcare etc., and thus may prefer this work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework is only accepted if it is known to Tchibo and if all requirements of the Tchibo SCoC are met.</li> <li>In case of homework, suppliers must provide detailed information on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>exact place(s) of the homework (i.e. regions, villages, buildings etc.),</li> <li>the entire value chain from raw materials to finished product, including all intermediaries involved,</li> <li>the suppliers’/factories’ system to monitor working conditions in those homes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Orders can only be placed if the evaluation of all information shows that SCoC minimum requirements are met.</li> </ul>

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