

Special Edition: Results of third annual CITI evaluation and report released; TOP 30 brands highlighted for the first time. Transparency gains momentum among brands, but loophole surrounding responsible wastewater treatment still persists.

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The results of the [third annual Corporate Information and Transparency Index \(CITI\) evaluation and report](#) were officially released at the 2016 Green Supply Chain Forum on October 27 in Beijing. This month's newsletter highlights some **best practices** of leading brands, key areas of progress and remaining gaps in brands' supply chain management, based on the report.

This round of the CITI assessment evaluates 198 brands, up from 167 in last year's report. To analyze these brands' environmental management of their suppliers in China, the report draws on a vast range of evidence that includes data officially published by brands throughout the past year, as well as communication records with 734 suppliers that expressed relationships to a total of 50 brands.

In this month's newsletter below:

- [The new TOP 30 list and best practices of leading brands Apple, Adidas and Dell](#)
- [Transparency gains momentum as more suppliers publicly respond to environmental violations and brands publish supplier lists](#)
- [Responsible treatment of wastewater remains the biggest loophole in supply chain environmental management](#)

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Who sits atop this year's annual Corporate Information Transparency Index (CITI) rankings?

Revealed below are this year's **TOP 30** brands! Congratulations to all of those brands that secured a spot on the leaderboard.

Making the **TOP 30** signifies that a brand has genuinely developed **green procurement** and that the environmental performance of the brand's supply chain in China stands at the **forefront** worldwide. These brands' performance deserves recognition from same-industry brands, investors, government and consumers.

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25 +7 +7.5 41	27 +4 +3.5 38	28 -2 +1.5 37.5	29 +12 +15 37	30 +28 +24 36

Brands that interacted with consumers via official Weibo accounts

Wondering what it takes to make the TOP 30? Along with following the green supply chain road map set forth by the CITI criteria, we highlight below some best practices of the top three brands:

Apple pushes for corrective actions at its suppliers' waste treatment facilities and extends its supply chain practices upstream. The brand requires that its suppliers carry out a compliance investigation before choosing a hazardous waste processor, as well as learn how to use the Blue Map Database to screen waste processors for violation records. Furthermore, Apple extends its direct influence to a portion of waste treatment facilities and to date has pushed three sites to remove their violation records. Apple also leads the way by openly sharing its experiences with other same-industry brands and working with its direct suppliers, such as Foxconn, to establish their own screening mechanisms.

Adidas uses disclosed data to develop emissions targets for its suppliers. The Environmental Metrics Reporting Tool (EMeReT) incorporates benchmark standards developed based on data collected from 2011 to 2015. Each individual supplier's situation is analyzed in order to raise differentiated energy-saving and emissions reduction targets. The brand's ultimate target is a 20% reduction in total energy and resource consumption and waste by 2020. In 2016, Adidas began collecting suppliers' monthly data.

Dell integrates supply chain environmental management with procurement decisions. Dell incorporates supplier screening and follow-up work as criteria in its quarterly supplier performance evaluations. Those suppliers that don't meet requirements for managing their upstream suppliers see a related drop in procurement. In addition to this vertical model, Dell's CEO regularly assesses supply chain environmental performance, demonstrating that it is an important issue, while internal teams partake in monthly social-environmental responsibility meetings to ensure progress. Dell also meets with suppliers each month to discuss social-environmental responsibility.

Transparency gains momentum: Suppliers issue public responses, brands publish supplier lists

During the year from October 2015 through September 2016, as many as 734 suppliers publicly responded to their violation records, the highest number in a year since the [Blue Map Database](#) went live in 2006. The numbers show that suppliers are willing to be transparent about their compliance situation and to be proactive in communicating about corrective actions and verifying their effectiveness.

Brands' disclosure of supplier lists also made significant headway this year. Inditex took the lead by publishing a list of 404 of its direct and indirect wet processing suppliers, allowing the public to trace the segment of its supply chain where environmental impacts are the greatest. To date, 28 brands have published supplier lists in one form or another, the majority of which are apparel brands. These brands' actions underscore the idea that there is no longer a valid excuse for companies to hide behind in refusing to be transparent about publishing a list of suppliers. The trend for data disclosure and transparency in business is mirrored by government, where environmental departments are successively starting to utilize online real-time data.

INDITEX

**INDITEX SUPPLY CHAIN:
WET PROCESSING UNITS LIST**

FACTORY	COUNTRY	ADDRESS
SHANGHAI WELIAN PRINTING AND DYEING MILL	CHINA	NO. 34 DONGJIN ROAD, WENJI, ZOUJING, CHINA
SHANGHAI BAOHONG GARMENT RINSE CO., LTD.	CHINA	PUWEI ROAD NO. 7998
SHANGHAI CHENGYUAN GARMENT WASHING FACTORY	CHINA	NO.208, BEIWU ROAD, MINHANG DISTRICT, SHANGHAI CITY, CHINA
SHANGHAI SHUN YING GARMENT FINISHING CO., LTD.	CHINA	NO. 1406, XIN DA ROAD, QING PU DISTRICT
SHANGHAI ZHANCHANG GARMENTS FINISHING CO., LTD.	CHINA	NO.1581, XINBIN ROAD, MAO TIAN, SHANGHAI, CHINA
SHAOGLIAN SHUNCHANG WEAVING FACTORY LTD	CHINA	D3 DIST QIJIANG ECONOMIC ZONE, SHAOGLIAN, CHINA
SHAOXING JIECAIFANG PRINTING & DYEING CO., LTD.	CHINA	NO. 116 SHANNIN WEST ROAD, SHAOXING, CHINA
SUN TEE PRINTING COMPANY(TONGGUAN)LIMITED	CHINA	WEIJIANG ROAD 73 ALLEY, NO.3 DONGGUAN, CHINA
SUZHOU NANHUA TEXTILE REORGANIZATION TECHNICAL CO.,LTD.	CHINA	TONGLUOYANMU DEVELOPMENT, WUJIANG, CHINA
SUZHOU SILK PRINTING AND DYEING CO., LTD.	CHINA	NO.8, FENGJIEJIANG ROAD, SUZHOU, CHINA
TAI CANO JIANGTOD DYEING CO., LTD.	CHINA	CHITANG TIAN VILLAGE 5TH, TAICANG, CHINA
TAICANG QIDE GARMENT CO.,LTD.	CHINA	SHI HUIA ROAD,FUQIAO ZHIFUQIAO LISHIAGANG, CHINA
TAIXING FENGSHENG GARMENT RINSE CO., LTD.	CHINA	HUANGQIAO INDUSTRIAL PARK, HUANGQIAO, CHINA
TIANJIN BOJING TEXTILE COATING CO., LTD.	CHINA	FUJIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MENGCHANG TOWN, WUJIANG DIST., CHINA
TONGLING HUAYUAN JINCHANG PRINTING & DYEING CO.,LTD.	CHINA	MAOHONG VILLAGE, WUJONG TOWN, TONGLING COUNTY, ANHUI PROVINCE
TONGLU JINLI PRINTING AND DYEING CO., LTD.	CHINA	XIANGHE RD FANGBU AND ZON 128,HENGJUN TOWN (TONGLU), CHINA
WUJIANG DELIN TEXTILE FINISHING CO.,LTD.	CHINA	TONGLUO PRINTING AND DYE, WUJIANG, CHINA
WUJIANG SANLIAN DYEING CO., LTD.	CHINA	NO. 3 WEST XASHA ROAD PH 1, SUZHOU, CHINA
WUJIANG KINDA PRINTING & DYEING FACTORY	CHINA	WUJIANG SHENGZE, SUZHOU, CHINA
WUJIANG LONGQUAN DYEING LIMITED CO.,LTD	CHINA	HUSHAN DISTRICT WUXI CITY, WUXI, CHINA
WUJIANG YANLIDA	CHINA	BAKIN KISIGANG VILLAGE 308, WUXI, CHINA
XIN XU	CHINA	NO.2, HUIJIN STREET, SHUGE INDUSTRY ZONE, LISHU CITY, ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, CHINA
XINLUO DYEING & FINISHING CO.,LTD	CHINA	XINLUO ROAD,JIANGSANGING, JIANGING, CHINA
ZENG CHENG WAN SHENG DE CLOTHING LIMITED COMPANY	CHINA	PRODUCTION A1, SHAPUYINSHI, GUANG ZHOU, CHINA
ZHE JIANG HUAFU MELANGE YARN, LTD	CHINA	REN MIN MIDDLE RD DEVL ZN 1088, SHAOXING, CHINA
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ZHEJIANG JISHAN PRINTING & DYEING CO.,LTD	CHINA	NO.426 FENDING ROAD KEBEI, CHINA, CHINA
ZHEJIANG SHAOJING XINWIN TEXTILE CO.,LTD	CHINA	SHUJIANG ROAD, ANCHANG TW 18 ZHEJIANG, CHINA
ZHEJIANG YATAI PRINTING CO., LTD	CHINA	ANCHANG, SHAOXING, ZHEJIANG, SHAOXING, CHINA
ZHEJIANG YINAN PRINTING & DYEING CO.,LTD	CHINA	NO.183 FENGLIN ROAD



Responsible wastewater treatment remains the biggest gap in brands' supply chain management

Over 90% of brands have yet to begin identifying the discharge path of their suppliers' wastewater, causing this section of the CITI to stand out with the lowest overall score. Applying a standard only to water discharged from centralized treatment facilities creates potential for water from manufacturers to not meet the required standard upon entering the treatment facility. To improve transparency and build a foundation for oversight, the CITI report recommends that suppliers disclose information about the water quality of their direct and indirect wastewater discharge.

Some progress has been made in this area. Seven brands -- Apple, Adidas, Levi's, Walmart, GAP, Samsung and ZARA -- have pushed key suppliers to disclose the name of the centralized treatment plant they discharge into, as well as the locally agreed-upon standards for indirect wastewater discharge. In an innovative example, Formosa Taffeta (Changshu) Co., Ltd., built its own pre-treatment facility to rectify its wastewater exceeding discharge standards. Formosa Taffeta's pretreatment plant currently ensures stable operations and that pretreatment standards are met.

POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES

Policy Updates

- [Ministry of Industry and Information Technology \(MIIT\)'s 2016-2020 Industry Green Development Plan](#) (Chinese)

Policy Resources

- [Soil Pollution Action Plan \("Soil Ten"\)](#) (Unofficial English translation)
- [Amendments to China's Air Law \(passed in August 2015\)](#) (English translation)
- ["Water 10" Action Plan \(issued in April 2015\)](#) (English translation)
- [Made in China 2025](#) (policy summary)
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