

ANTI-SWEATSHOP/SUPPLY CHAIN ASSURANCE

Selective Purchasing Policy Guide



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Issue Description: Many organizations do not want to purchase articles made in sweatshops. Over the last several years sports equipment and collegiate apparel have gained prominence. It is not always easy to assure that a supply chain is totally anti-sweatshop compliant, nonetheless steps can be taken to try to assure compliance.

Sample wording: “XXX (synod/congregation/organization) refuses to contribute knowingly to the mistreatment and exploitation of workers. We pledge to never knowingly purchase articles produced under sweatshop conditions at any stage of the production process. In keeping with this pledge, we will establish purchasing guidelines and institute mechanisms to prevent us from supporting sweatshops.”

Resources:

SweatFree communities - <http://www.sweatfree.org/shoppingguide>

Labour Behind the Label - <http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org>

Data base on sweat free legislation-
<http://www.greenpolicy.us/index.php?title=Category:Anti-Sweatshop>

Examples:

Oberlin College - http://www.oberlin.edu/newserv/stories/purchasing_policy.html

Boston College-
<http://www.bc.edu/offices/policies/meta-elements/pdf/policies/l/1-100-010.pdf> (p 3)