

FOOTWEAR EDUCATION



Understanding Footwear
From Foot to Shoe to Customer

Footwear Education Modern Slavery & Ethical Supply Chain Commitment

Footwear Education is committed to engaging only with footwear importers, manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers, retailers and associated service providers who actively support the prevention, identification and eradication of modern slavery, forced labour, bonded labour, child labour and human trafficking within their operations and supply chains.

1.0 Introduction

Modern slavery remains a significant global concern within many manufacturing and sourcing industries, including the footwear sector. Footwear Education recognises that ethical sourcing, responsible manufacturing and transparent supply chains are essential elements of professional footwear practice and education.

Footwear Education adopts a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of modern slavery and unethical labour practices. We believe that every individual working within the footwear industry should be treated with dignity, fairness and respect, irrespective of geographic location or economic status.

2.0 Purpose of this Commitment

The purpose of this document is to outline Footwear Education's commitment to promoting ethical footwear sourcing, responsible manufacturing, transparency throughout the footwear supply chain and the reduction of forced labour, bonded labour, child labour and human trafficking risks.

3.0 Scope

This commitment applies to all footwear importers, manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, sourcing agents and related organisations with whom Footwear Education engages, collaborates, consults or conducts business activities.

4.0 Ethical Supply Chain Expectations

Footwear Education expects associated organisations to comply with labour, employment and human rights legislation, maintain safe working conditions, uphold ethical recruitment practices and actively prevent worker exploitation and modern slavery within their supply chains.

5.0 Due Diligence & Industry Engagement

Where appropriate, Footwear Education may request evidence of ethical compliance, supplier standards, audit programmes or labour policies from organisations operating within the footwear supply chain. We encourage alignment with recognised international labour and ethical sourcing principles.

6.0 Education & Awareness

As part of its educational role within the footwear industry, Footwear Education aims to promote awareness regarding ethical footwear manufacturing, responsible sourcing, worker welfare and modern slavery risk identification.

7.0 Reporting & Concerns

Any organisation found to be knowingly participating in or facilitating modern slavery, forced labour or unethical employment practices may be excluded from future engagement, collaboration or recommendation.

8.0 Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Footwear Education acknowledges that ethical supply chain management requires ongoing vigilance, transparency and continuous improvement. We remain committed to supporting responsible industry practices and encouraging higher ethical standards across the footwear sector.

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