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THE UK FASHION & TEXTILE ASSOCIATION

Supporting the growth of the UK
fashion & textile industry

About UKFT

*The UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT)
is the largest network for fashion and textile
companies in the UK.*

We bring together designers, manufacturers, suppliers, agents and retailers to promote their businesses and our industry, both in the UK and throughout the world.

We represent the entire fashion and textile supply chain from spinning, weaving and knitting, through to manufacturing garments and accessories, to designers, brands and retailers.

Our President is HRH The Princess Royal.

What we do

Representation

As the collective voice of UK fashion and textiles, we actively promote our members' interests in the UK and overseas and campaign on a wide range of issues on their behalf.

Technical guidance on labelling and standards

UKFT is the authority on UK garment labelling and can advise members on requirements for Care Labelling, Fibre Content, Country of Origin and Flammability, on items for sale in the UK and around the world. UKFT is also the UK representative of GINETEX, the organisation that owns the trademark for the care symbols.

We have been instrumental in the development of a huge range of BSI Standards that many members use on a daily basis. UKFT represents the views of members and, often the interests of the UK industry as a whole, at European and International Standards meetings.

Community and support

Through our broad network, we provide a platform for companies to share best practices and forge relationships with potential clients or business partners. We also provide practical advice and technical support to help companies grow.

Champion UK manufacturing

We work with government and industry to create the right conditions for UK manufacturers to thrive, supporting the growth of 'made in the UK'.

Skills & training

UKFT is the government-appointed Sector Skills Body for fashion and textiles, charged with addressing critical skills gaps and developing industry-led solutions.

International business

We help UK companies reach new markets overseas and fly the flag for UK fashion and textiles around the world.



Some of the companies we work with include:

Who we work with

UKFT members include some of the UK's most well-known fashion and textile brands, heritage success stories and emerging designer labels, alongside the manufacturers and suppliers that turn those designs into a reality. Our community spans some of the most innovative spinners and weavers the world has to offer, as well as traditional businesses preserving skills that have been handed down through the generations. We are proud to work with everyone from small, local producers and established family businesses through to pioneering catwalk designers and global super brands.

A

Alan Paine
Alex Begg
Alex Monroe
Alfred Dunhill
AllSaints
ASOS

B

Barrie Knitwear
Blackhorse Lane Ateliers
Boden
Burberry

C

Celtic & Co
Campbells of Beaulieu
Charles Tyrwhitt

D

Drakes
Dege & Skinner
Dugdale Bros

E

Erdem
Edward Green
Eribe Knitwear

F

Frugi
Fashion Enter
Fox Brothers
Fox Umbrellas

G

Gymshark
G Ettinger
Globe-Trotter

H

Harris Tweed Authority
Harris Tweed Hebrides
Harris Wharf London
Holland & Holland

I

Invista

J

JD Sports
JD Williams
John Lewis
Johnstons of Elgin
Joules

L

L Brands
Lazy Oaf
Lyle & Scott

M

Mackintosh
Mamas & Papas
Margaret Howell
Marks & Spencer
Mint Velvet
Motel Rocks

N

Next
New Look
Ninety Percent

O

Olive Clothing
Oliver Bonas

P

Panache Lingerie
Perry Ellis
Pigeon Organics
Pink Shirtmaker
Primark

R

Reiss
River Island

S

Seasalt
Simon Carter

T

Tateossian
Tesco
The Vampire's Wife

V

Victoria Beckham

W

White Stuff

How we can support you

Brexit Guidance: UK-EU Trading

We help members chart the best course for their business, make sense of the new rules and regulations, as well as offering strategies for how firms can best adapt to the new arrangements.

Lobbying and representation

We campaign and lobby on behalf of our members on a wide range of issues that impact the UK fashion and textile industry. Our collective strength and unified voice enables us to influence legislation and policies in areas including trade deals, illegal working conditions, education provision, carbon charging, water use, PPE and the National Living Wage.

Supporting future talent

UK fashion and textile manufacturers are recognised around the world for their commitment to quality and craftsmanship but we must encourage new entrants to ensure the future of this important part of our industry. We have developed the UKFT Pop-up Factory and Careers Showcase that will run at 30 major careers events over the next three years to attract young people into jobs and training. We also have a variety of projects to help designers, brands and retailers work with the diverse manufacturing base we have on our doorstep.

Find new partners and collaborate

We have the broadest network of contacts in the UK fashion and textile industry and we can help you connect with others with similar interests and goals. UKFT offers a variety of ways to connect with colleagues across the industry and throughout the UK.

Access to export markets

UKFT works with the Department of International Trade and the GREAT campaign on a variety of trade missions and promotional campaigns overseas. We also offer practical guides and assistance with trading overseas, including tradeshows and showrooms and new digital wholesale channels.

Research, innovation and sustainability

UKFT has close links to various multimillion pound research projects focused on the UK fashion and textile industry, including the Future Fashion Factory, The Business of Fashion, Textiles and Technology (BFTT) and the Textiles Circularity Centre. We are part of the steering committee for the new Institute for Positive Fashion.

Comprehensive labelling guidance and GINETEX licence

UKFT can advise members of the labelling requirements in all major markets throughout the world, covering Care Labelling, Fibre Content, Country of Origin and Flammability.

We also offer a licence to use the GINETEX care symbols, which are registered trademarks in over 80 countries including the UK and all major European markets. They are registered at WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) in Geneva (notably under No. 2R211 247, No. 461 470, No. 492 423, No. 849 319 and No. 849 320 – this is a non-exhaustive list).

UKFT can provide a care labelling licence that allows the use of the symbols throughout the world either as a standalone package or as a bolt-on to full membership.

ABOUT THE GINETEX SYMBOLS



The GINETEX care labelling system is intended to supply consumers and textile companies with correct information of the care treatment of textile products, so that the processes indicated on the label will avoid any irreversible damage of the product. The purpose of the technical regulations is to facilitate the selection of the correct care labels by the textile and garments industries, or by retailers. The regulations also will help garment manufacturers in choosing the combination of components of a made-up article.

The following care treatments are covered by the GINETEX system: washing, bleaching, drying, ironing and professional textile care.

CLEVERCARE



Brands, retailers and consumers are increasingly aware of the environmental impact of looking after clothing. GINETEX has developed CLEVERCARE the eco-care logo to encourage and educate the consumer to extend the life of garments and to reduce the impact of cleaning on the climate. This use of Clevercare is included in the UKFT GINETEX licence.

How to join

Companies can either join as a full member to access all the benefits of UKFT membership or become a Retail Partner which provides the right to use the GINETEX care symbols worldwide without incurring any further costs.

UKFT Membership Rates

Member Category	Turnover	Annual Membership	Annual membership Plus*
Small	£1m - £5m	£1,550	£1,935*
Medium	£5m - £15m	£2,060	£2,575*
Large	£15m - £35m	£3,100	£3,875*
Extra Large	£35m+	£5,150	£6,435*
Retail Partner		£2,500	Flat rate

ALL PRICES EXCLUDE VAT

*including Care Labelling Licence

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