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Check out this November <u>report</u> published by <u>Chinadialogue</u> highlighting the "regulatory blind spots" in China's chemical management. The findings demonstrate that as the world's largest chemical manufacturer and user, China still lags behind in chemical management concepts, regulations and technologies. As the harmful effects of unregulated chemicals pose a growing risk to public health and the environment, it is essential to <u>establish a pollutant release and transfer register (PRTR) in China</u>.

IPE launched its own <u>platform for the voluntary disclosure of PRTR information</u> in 2013 to prompt manufacturers to disclose their emissions data, including hazardous chemicals. Since then, IPE has encouraged brands that source from China to require their high environmental impact suppliers to publish their annual data on this portal. We are currently optimizing the reporting form and procedures to improve user experience, so keep an eye out for the updated form, which will be available online soon!

In this month's newsletter:

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During the past month, these 41 brands actively pushed one or more of their suppliers to improve environmental performance. Their efforts deserve recognition, especially from other brands, investors, government and consumers.

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## Starbucks continues to advance supply chain environmental action

Last month, IPE conducted a <u>pollution investigation</u> into Starbucks' supply chain in China. The investigation found that wastewater from Starbucks' reusable cup supplier contained heavy metals that would eventually flow into the Pearl River Delta.

After the report was published, <u>Starbucks</u> contacted IPE and they have now taken significant action to manage supply chain environmental risks. So far, the company has motivated 7 suppliers to contact IPE regarding their previous violation records. Among them, 6 have demonstrated the effectiveness of their rectifications and removed their records from IPE's database through the <u>GCA audit</u> process. With Christmas and New Year's approaching, we sincerely hope brands can fulfil consumers' ever increasing demand for eco-friendly products from a greener supply chain.



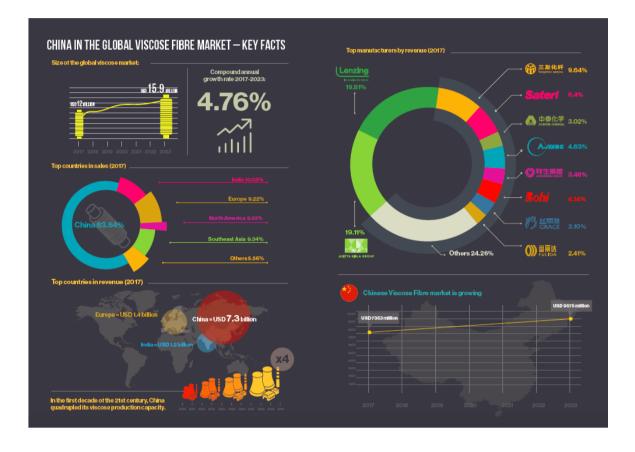
## New report by Changing Markets Foundation highlights challenges for greening the viscose supply chain

According to the latest report released by the <u>Changing Markets Foundation</u>, the sustainable development <u>Roadmap</u> launched by the Collaboration for Sustainable

Development of Viscose (CV) in August 2018 has significant gaps in effectiveness, comprehensiveness, and transparency.

**China accounts for 63% of the global market for viscose**, a man-made fibre widely used in high-street and high-end fashion alike. In its report, Changing Markets Foundation indicates that many viscose manufacturers in China have yet to adopt responsible production methods and sustainable procurement practices. The report also exposes that Chinese viscose factories – including sites operated by members of the CV initiative – continue to violate environmental laws and regulations. In spite of the efforts elaborated in the Roadmap, the report highlights **the lack of transparency and clarity**, including failing to publicly disclose information about how the Roadmap will be enforced, monitored, verified as well as whether it will sanction non-complying members. This makes it difficult for environmental groups and the general public to supervise the effectiveness of this collective efforts initiated by the viscose manufacturers.

Click here to read the full report.



# GCA Third-Party Audit Company Qualification guidelines updated and available for download

IPE has made several adjustments to the <u>GCA Third-party Audit Company Qualification</u> <u>Process</u> document (in Chinese) after consulting representatives from both the brands and auditing communities.

The revised document includes clarifications of the evaluation criteria and procedures, as well as the qualifications for and dismissal of GCA-approved third-party auditing companies and auditors. The new Qualification Process emphasizes that auditors and auditing companies should work independently and impartially, rejecting any forms of commercial bribery. It also separates the qualification process for auditing companies and auditors, increasing project experience requirements for auditing companies and the certification requirements for auditors.

For more information regarding the GCA third-party audit, please refer to our website.

## Longstanding partners feature CITI 5.0 report findings

## No More Excuses, Corporate America: The Future Is Now



Featured below are excerpts from an expert blog by Linda Greer, Senior Scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

I Even more exciting than the (CITI) annual scores, however, are a few 2018 innovations from IPE to drive additional progress new tools now up and running that support new levels of supply chain responsibility, and the early uptake/adoption/use of those tools by some key brands.

I'm particularly excited about two: <u>IPE's Brand Map</u>, that divulges which factories are in the supply chain of particular multinationals and its <u>Blue Eco-Chain tool</u>, which provides push notifications to participating brands when compliance problems surface in suppliers registered in the program. Wow, welcome to the 21st century, where real time pollution data is collected and displayed in user friendly formats, serving up the salient information both corporations and customers need to evaluate environmental responsibility on a silver platter  $\lceil ... \rfloor$ 

Read the full article on NRDC's Expert Blog.

## Big Data Accelerates the Expansion of Green Supply Chains

Featured below are excerpts from an article by IPE's Helen Ding and Erin Wong in partnership with China Water Risk (CWR).

<sup>[</sup>...] With 38 brands using Blue EcoChain and 55 brands using



the Blue Map Database on a quarterly basis or more frequently, leading brands have pushed their direct suppliers to extend green procurement both upstream and downstream; this evaluation period consequently witnessed more environmental action from suppliers close to raw material production and waste disposal than ever before  $\lceil ... \rfloor$ 

Read the full article on CWR's <u>Expert Views & Opinions</u>.

## **POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES**

## **Policy Updates**

- <u>Dangerous Chemicals Major Hazard Identification (GB18218-2018)</u> (Chinese) Passed by State Administration for Market Regulation and Standardization Administration on November 26, 2018; goes into effect on March 1, 2019.
- <u>Administrative Measures on Pollutant Discharge Permits</u> (Draft) (Chinese) Draft seeking public comments through December 6, 2018.

## **Policy Resources**

- Environmental Protection Tax Law of the P.R.C. (English)
- Soil Pollution Action Plan ("Soil Ten") (Unofficial English translation)
- Amendments to China's Air Law (passed in August 2015) (English translation)
- <u>"Water 10" Action Plan (issued in April 2015)</u> (English translation)
- Made in China 2025 (policy summary)
- <u>EU-China Environmental Governance Project Policy Resource Center</u> (Bilingual)
- <u>China Hazardous Chemicals Management Resource Center</u> (Bilingual)
- <u>China Law Translate</u> (crowd-sourced English translations of Chinese laws)

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## Will Vietnam follow China down the pollution path? - Asian Correspondent, Nov. 21, 2018

Nov. 19, 2018

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<u>中外对话</u>11月发布<u>最新报告</u>,强调中国在化学品管理方面存在"监管盲区"。该报告指 出,作为世界上最大的化学品生产国和消费国,中国在化学品管理的概念、法规和技术 方面仍然落后。缺乏监管导致化学品对公众健康和环境影响的风险越来越大。因此,<u>建</u> <u>立中国的污染物排放与转移登记 (PRTR) 制度</u>对改善有害化学品管理至关重要。

2013年,IPE建立了<u>PRTR信息自愿公开平台</u>,推动生产企业公开包括有害化学品在内的 排放数据,并持续推动在中国采购的品牌,对高环境影响供应商提出在IPE的网站上公开 PRTR数据的要求。为了方便企业更好的填报,IPE目前正在对填报表格和流程进行修 订,新版本即将上线,敬请期待。

本期月报中:

- 星巴克持续推动供应链环保行动
- Changing Markets 新报告揭示绿化粘胶纤维供应链面临的挑战
- <u>《GCA 审核资质评估流程》更新</u>

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#### 绿色之选品牌

过去的一个月中,这41家品牌积极推动 一家或多家供应商改善环境表现。他们 的努力需要其他品牌、投资方、政府和 <u>消费者更多的关注。了解更多</u>

## 星巴克持续推进供应链环保行动

IPE上个月对星巴克在华供应链进行了<u>污染调研</u>。调查发现,星巴克吸管杯供应商超标排 放含重金属的废水,超标废水排向珠江三角洲。

报告发布之后,<u>星巴克</u>与IPE取得联系,并积极采取行动管控供应链环境风险。截至目前,星巴克已经推动7家供应商就过往违规记录与环保组织取得联系。其中,6家供应商已公开证明其整改的有效性,并通过<u>GCA审核</u>撤除了违规记录。随着圣诞节和新年的临近,我们诚挚地希望品牌能够用更加绿色的供应链,满足消费者对环境友好型产品日益增长的需求。

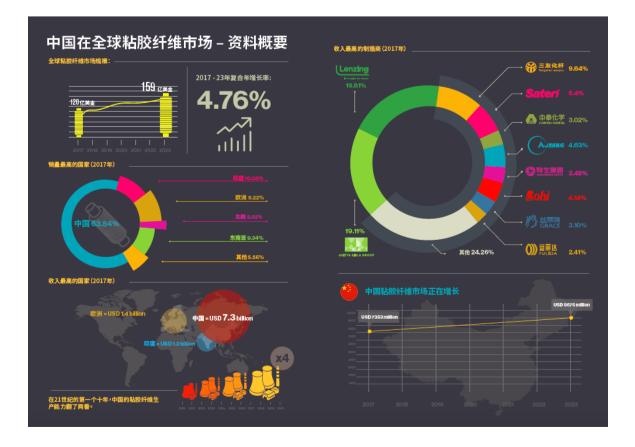


## Changing Markets 新报告揭示绿化粘胶纤维供应链面临的挑战

<u>Changing Markets基金会</u>近日发布最新报告称,中国再生纤维素纤维行业绿色发展联盟 (以下简称"联盟") 今年8月推行的<u>可持续发展路线图</u>,在有效性、全面性和透明度等方 面都存在显著差距。

粘胶纤维是一种备受高街品牌和时尚行业青睐的人造纤维,中国约占全球粘胶纤维产量的 63%。报告指出,中国的许多粘胶纤维生产商尚未做到负责任生产和可持续采购,甚至 联盟企业的部分工厂也没有做到基本的环境合规。报告还强调联盟路线图缺乏透明度, 包括未能提供关于路线图如何执行、监督、验证,以及是否会对不合规的会员企业进行 制裁等公开信息,使环保组织和公众无法对路线图的有效性进行监督。

## 查看<u>完整报告</u>。



## 《GCA审核资质评估流程》更新

在咨询了品牌代表和审核机构专家意见后,IPE对<u>《GCA 审核资质评估流程》</u>文件进行 了更新,对审核机构和审核员的评估标准和流程、资质监督和取消进行了说明。新评估 流程强调,审核机构及审核员需要独立公正的开展工作,拒绝任何形式的商业贿赂。更 新后的版本将GCA资质的申请人员与申请机构评估流程分开,对申请机构增加了项目经 验的要求,对申请人员增加了身份证明和劳务关系证明的要求。

有关GCA第三方审核的更多信息请参阅IPE<mark>网站</mark>。

## 最新环境政策

- 2018.11.05 生态环境部发布 关于征求对《排污许可证管理条例(草案征求意见 稿)》意见的通知,征集意见截止时间为2018年12月6号
- 2018.11.19市场监管总局标准委批准发布<u>《危险化学品重大危险源辨识》(GB</u> <u>18218 – 2018)</u>, 2019年3月1日起实施



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