

## **Annex 7 to the *Business Partner Declaration on Sustainability*: Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)**

To all Otto Group business partners for merchandise

### **Integral part of the *Business Partner Declaration***

The Annex is an integral part of the *Business Partner Declaration*. All conditions referred to in this declaration and in the *Business Partner Declaration* are binding for the business partner.

### **Scope**

The following requirements apply to all business partners for Group merchandise (own and licensed brands), third-party merchandise (brands) and marketplace partners.

### **Detailed requirements for the use of polyvinyl chloride (PVC):**

For textiles (clothing, household and home textiles):

- The use of PVC in textiles such as clothing, household and home textiles<sup>1</sup>, including prints on textiles, is in principle **prohibited**. This does not apply to PVC tablecloths and non-slip carpets with PVC coating.

For household hardware, shoes, bags:

- The recommendation for all household hardware, shoes and bags is to exclude PVC and replace it with suitable, more environmentally friendly substitutes such as other plastics or plastic alternatives.
- Where a replacement is not available, we point out explicitly that the product must comply with the legal requirements on all accounts.

For packaging:

- The use of PVC in packaging is in principle **prohibited**.

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<sup>1</sup> The requirements for household and home textiles apply from 1/1/2023. Remaining stocks ordered prior to this date may be sold.