

## **Business and Human Rights Resource Centre: Australian Strategic Policy Institute Report (March 2020)**

The human rights abuses alleged in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR), including the export of forced labor to other regions, are alarming and require a strong and coordinated response from governments and the business community. These practices are not tolerated by Amazon and do not align with how we do business. Amazon is strongly committed to conducting our business in a lawful and ethical manner, including engaging with suppliers who respect human rights, provide safe and inclusive workplaces, and promote a sustainable future.

Amazon expects all products sold in the Amazon Store or provided to Amazon to be manufactured or produced in accordance with [Amazon's Supply Chain Standards](#). We do not tolerate the use of forced labor. We regularly assess suppliers, using independent auditors as appropriate, to monitor continued compliance and improvement--if we find violations, we request immediate corrective action and take other appropriate steps to ensure workers are protected. We expect our suppliers to consistently monitor and enforce these standards in their own operations and supply chain, as well as make improvements to meet or exceed our expectations and those of our customers.

We are committed to upholding international labor standards. Given this complex situation, we have taken immediate steps to investigate the Australian Strategic Policy Institute findings and to actively collaborate with industry partners, subject matter experts, governments and other relevant stakeholders to further enhance our due diligence efforts in line with Australian Strategic Policy Institute recommendations. We are also working closely with industry associations such as the Responsible Business Alliance and the National Retail Federation to explore all potential approaches to responsibly address this situation and support both of their recent statements on this issue ([National Retail Federation](#) and [Responsible Business Alliance](#)).