

## The Higg Index FEM Period Ends Soon, June 30



The Higg FEM (Higg Facility Environmental Module) is a sustainability assessment tool that standardizes how facilities measure and evaluate their environmental performance annually, and 2018 year's assessment is expected to be accomplished by June 30, 2019. It started on November 8, 2018 and the time has come to complete and post your FEM self-assessments so brands or related retailers and manufacturers may know your Higg Index scores. In case your company has finished the FEM self-assessment without problems, you can take the next step and proceed with the Higg vFEM (Verified Facility Environmental Module), wherein your FEM self-assessment is certified by a professional verifier; this process must be completed by December 31.

Contributions to sustainability is no longer a general practice in the textile & apparel industry. Recently, most of the parties concerned are seriously considering sustainability issues and actively shows them by action. The Higg Index is one among these streams of effort. It makes brands, retailers, and facilities of all sizes at every stage to accurately measure and score a company's or a product's sustainability performance by detailed and sophisticated tools. More than 200 global members from across multiple sectors belong to the SAC (Sustainable Apparel Coalition) and apply the Higg Index Module to their sustainability strategy.

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Even though we know the significance of the Higg Index and try to start it now, it is not going to be an easy task. As of late, some big department stores and global apparel brands ask suppliers to finish the Higg Index Module even earlier than the official deadline. For those who want to operate the Higg Index program smoothly, the FITI Testing & Research Institute, which is one of the SAC members having 3rd party verifiers officially qualified to verify the Higg FEM, is a professional organization you can rely on. FITI has excellent experts in the field of Higg Index and covers 9 countries: Vietnam, Indonesia, China, South Korea, Japan, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Philippines.

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