

Chemical Safety in the Textile Supply Chain at REWE Group

REWE Group Detox Program

REWE Group's Commitment to safer Chemicals

Our Commitment

REWE Group takes its responsibility for the society and the environment seriously.

It is our **AIM** to assure the use of safer chemicals in the whole lifecycle and production procedures of apparel and footwear products, including all home textiles by no later than January 2020.

Therefore, the REWE Group has joined the Detox [commitment](#) in December 2014.

What are we doing now?

- ▶ REWE Group has launched the Detox Program program, which focuses on developing and implementing a roadmap to avoid hazardous chemicals in the textile supply chain.
- ▶ REWE Group together with its suppliers creates a substitution plan for hazardous chemicals.
- ▶ REWE Group supports its suppliers with information and training in managing chemicals aiming at a toxic free textile supply chain.



Making a Change with Detox

- ▶ The Detox campaign was launched in 2011 by Greenpeace with the goal of a toxic free future in the textile industry.
- ▶ The campaign started by challenging global sportswear brands to eliminate all releases of hazardous chemicals from their supply chains and products, currently with a focus on retail companies.
- ▶ Since July 2011, the campaign has been able to secure public commitments from international fashion and retail companies: Adidas, Benetton, Burberry, C&A, Canepa, Coop, Esprit, G-Star Raw, H&M, Levis, Lidl, Li-Ning, M&S, Mango, Nike, Primark, Puma, REWE Group, Tchibo, Uniqlo, Valentino, Victoria's Secret, Zara.
- ▶ For further information please visit the website of [Greenpeace](#).

These 11 Chemical Groups have to be phased out:

- ① Alkylphenols
- ② Phthalates
- ③ Brominated and chlorinated flame retardants
- ④ Azo dyes
- ⑤ Organotin compounds
- ⑥ Perfluorinated chemicals
- ⑦ Chlorobenzenes
- ⑧ Chlorinated solvents
- ⑨ Chlorophenols
- ⑩ Short chain chlorinated paraffins
- ⑪ Heavy metals

Why to substitute hazardous Chemicals?

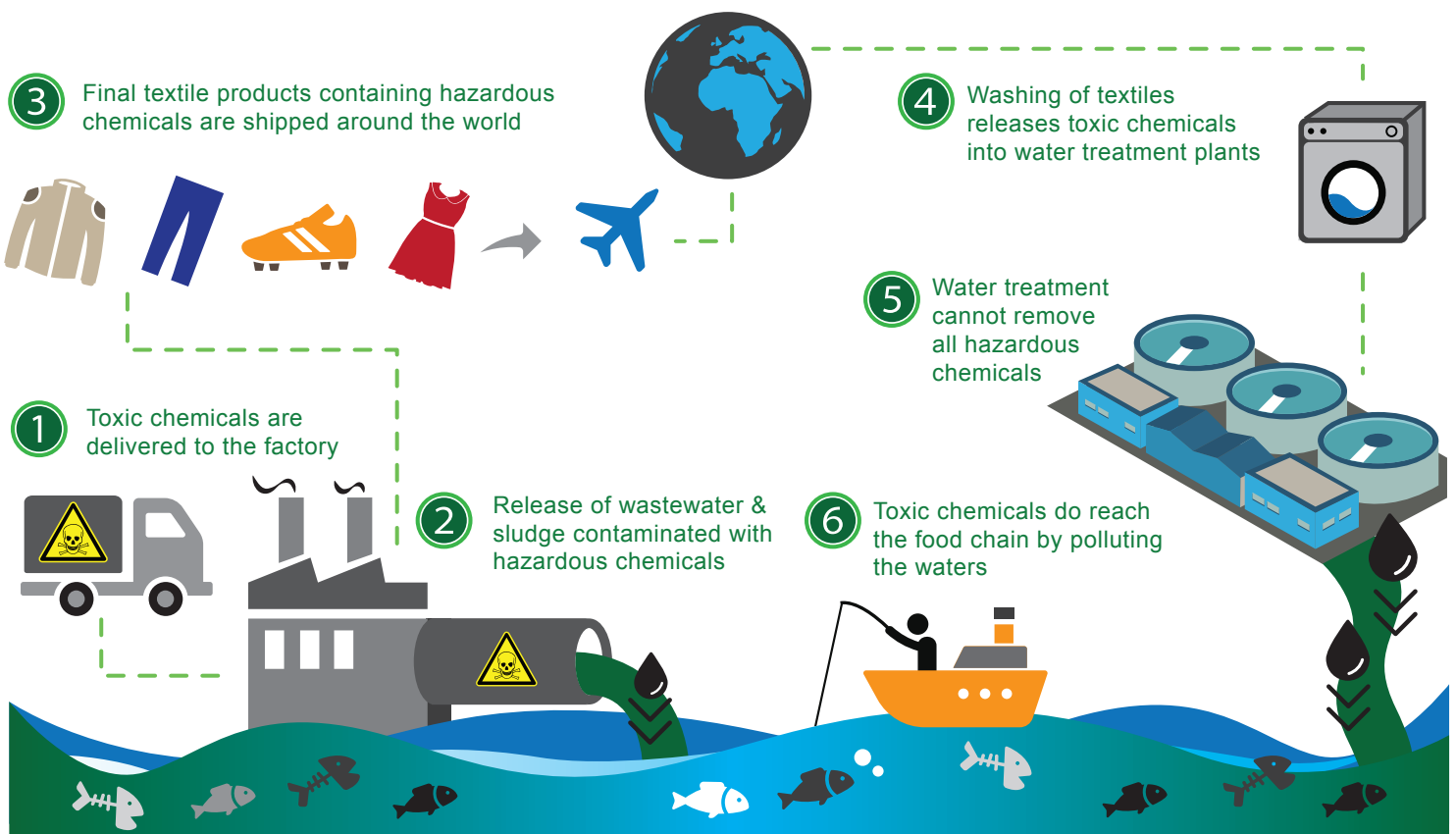
1 in 4 people in China
have **no access to clean drinking water**

Water scarcity and **water pollution** are
the two top environmental concerns of the world's population

Toxic chemicals are a **threat**
to human health and the **ecosystems**

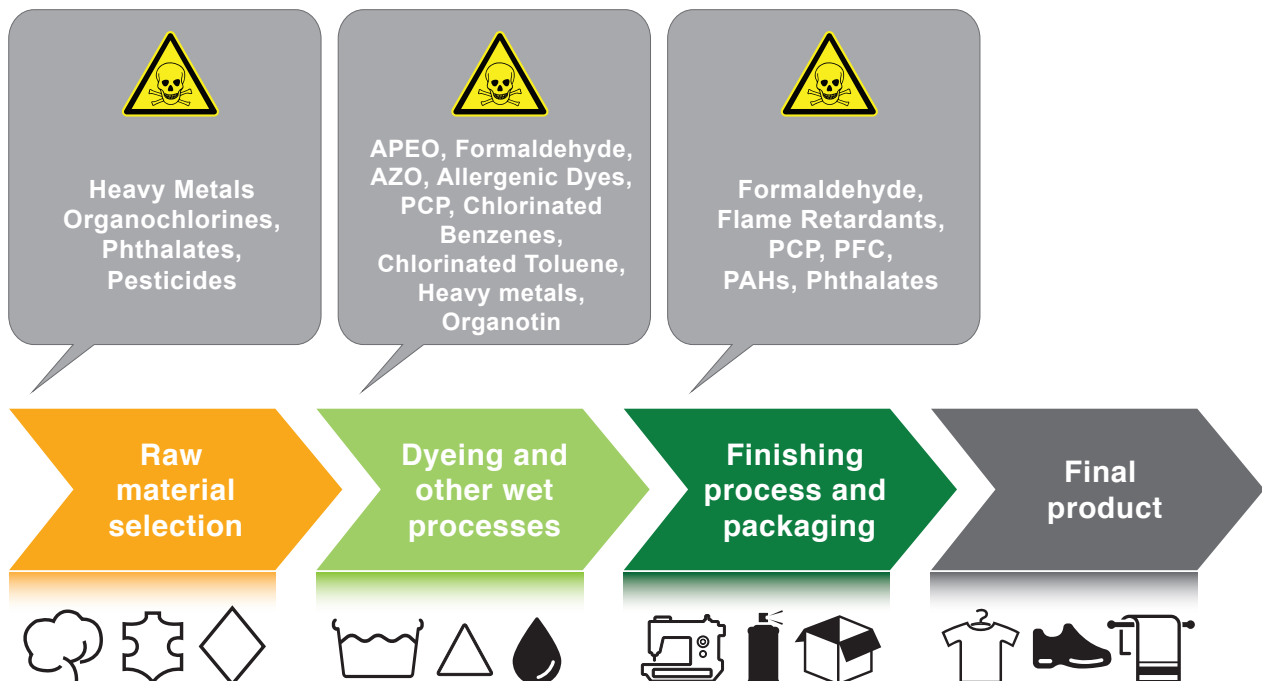
Both Alkylphenols and perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) are known
hormone disruptors which can be hazardous even at very low levels

PFCs have been **found in animals** ranging from
birds to whales to polar bears **all over the globe**



REWE Group, its Suppliers, and Manufacturers join forces to create a safer Textile Supply Chain!

Examples of hazardous Chemical-Input along the Supply Chain



Hazardous chemicals can be found along the whole textile supply chain.

Starting from the very beginning, raw materials such as leather may contain heavy metals.

In further production, e.g. during the bleaching, dyeing, or printing process, toxic chemicals like APEOs and PFCs may be applied.

In the last production procedures as well as in the final product hazardous chemicals can occur.

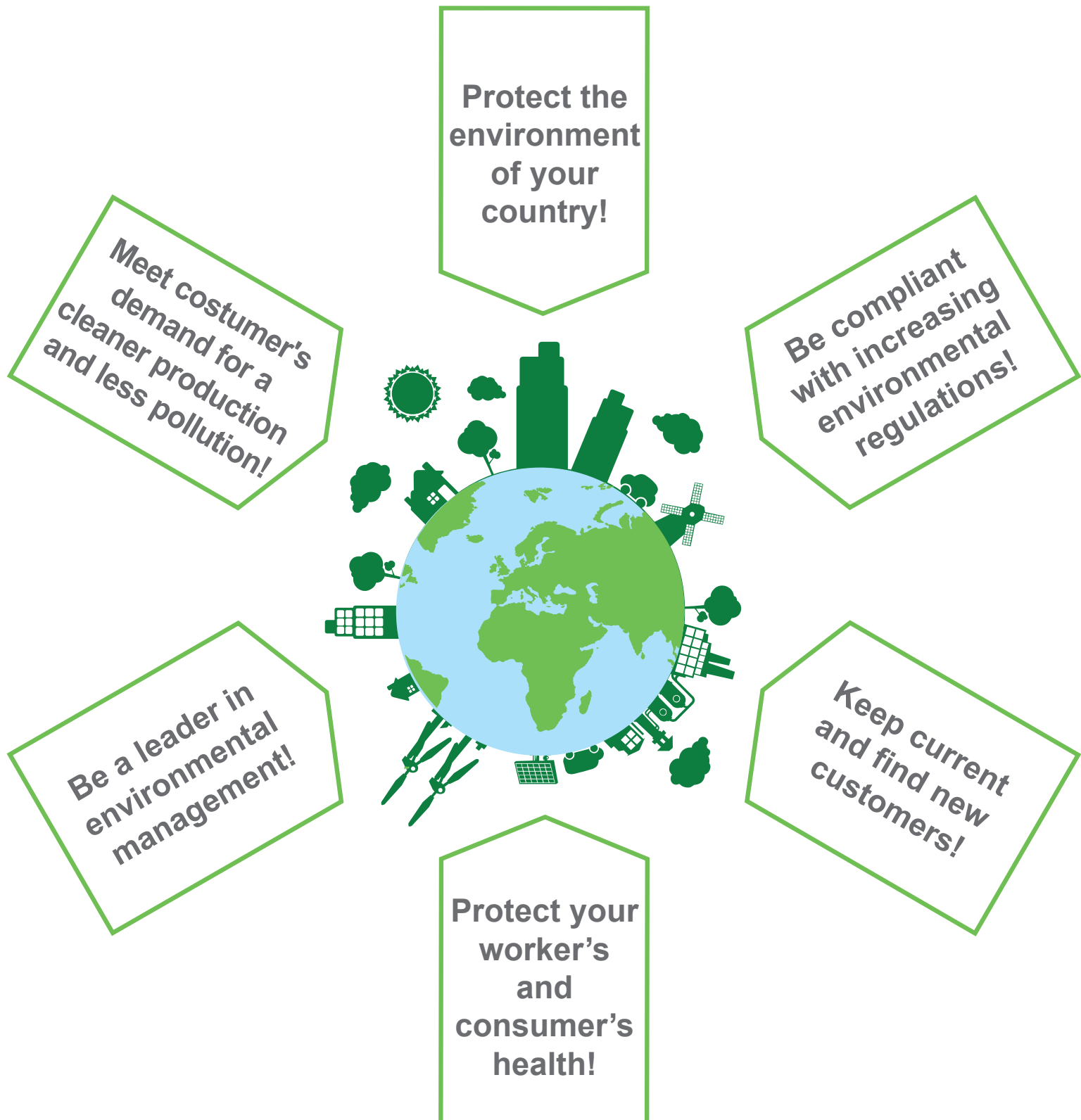
By integrating the Detox Program into our existing sustainability strategy, together with our manufacturers we will significantly reduce the release of hazardous substances into the environment and, in particular, into the water.

Chemical alternatives can be found at
► Cleangredients: www.cleangredients.org

Safer alternatives are available at
► SubSport: www.subsport.eu

The substitution of hazardous chemicals from the supply chain can only be achieved with YOUR SUPPORT!

Your Advantages:



...don't miss the opportunity, ACT NOW!

Our REWE Group Detox Roadmap towards a safer Future!

