

Audit Ratings

Responsible Sourcing Audits are assessed and given a color rating based on the severity of the findings from the audit. The ratings and violations are provided to all suppliers using the facility that received the audit, and these suppliers are responsible for working with facilities to remediate the findings. The audit rating is one tool used to determine whether the facility can remain active and produce for Walmart and how soon the facility will be re-audited. Below is a description of the most common audit assessment ratings:

- Green
Green assessments identify facilities for which Responsible Sourcing has discovered the least severe violations. Audits show these facilities to be highly compliant with the Standards.
- Yellow
Yellow assessments identify facilities which audits show to be generally compliant with the Standards, but which have failed to meet at least one important requirement. For Yellow-rated facilities, the failures to comply with the Standards are significant violations, but not severe.
- Orange
Orange assessments identify facilities where Responsible Sourcing has discovered more serious violations of the Standards, but will continue to allow sourcing from that facility while the violations are remediated. Three qualifying Orange ratings within a two year period may result in a Red assessment.
- Red
Red assessments identify facilities for which Responsible Sourcing has discovered violations of a nature that may make it appropriate to temporarily or permanently terminate the facility's sourcing relationship with Walmart. A red assessment typically signifies non-compliance with Walmart's Standards for Suppliers, to the extent that the facility potentially fails to meet certain social standards. If a facility is assessed with a Red rating, its sourcing relationship with Walmart may be ended indefinitely, its production halted and/or its product refused.

Suppliers sourcing from a particular facility will be notified of the facility's audit assessment rating and any resulting actions or changes in business once the audit has been assessed.