

Stop benzene rating of “Brot für alle” / “Fastenopfer”

Swisscom’s position

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Sustainability is one of Swisscom’s key corporate values and is therefore a firmly established part of its corporate strategy. Our commitment to a fair supply chain is a cornerstone of our sustainability strategy. Each year, our partners deliver goods and services to us worth over CHF 4.8 billion. We attach great importance to maintaining a fair, efficient partnership with suppliers who share our social and environmental goals and values. Together, we strive to protect the environment and improve working conditions.

In the field of supply chain, we have decided – with the two organisations GeSI ([Global e-Sustainability Initiative](#)) and JAC ([Joint Audit Cooperation](#)) – to exercise pressure in order to improve working and environmental conditions at our suppliers. Swisscom is focusing its efforts on these two international networks because it believes cooperation on a global basis is required to implement a fair and sustainable supply chain.

Swisscom has been a member of GeSI and JAC since 2011 and is the only Swiss telecommunications company to join.

- At GeSI, Swisscom is supporting efforts to achieve a sustainable transformation using new technologies with world-leading ICT providers.
- As part of JAC, Swisscom – together with 12 other telecommunications companies – is carrying out audits on suppliers in 22 countries.

Swisscom also requires all suppliers to sign the [corporate responsibility contract annex](#). Its stipulations include the following:

- Working conditions are adhered to in accordance with the SA8000 standard elements 1 to 8 (child labour, forced labour, health and safety, freedom of association and right to collective negotiations, discrimination, disciplinary measures, working hours, pay).
- Suppliers shall ensure that all applicable environmental ordinances are complied with in production operations and in the supply chain.
- Suppliers themselves shall ensure that products comply with [Swiss legislation](#) in every respect.
- The products may not contain any materials that are hazardous to health and must be environmentally friendly.
- Suppliers shall guarantee Swisscom the right to carry out an audit in accordance with ISO 19011 (second-party audit) on themselves and on sub-contractors.

The rating of “Brot für Alle” and “Fastenopfer” (www.stopp-benzol.ch) confirms Swisscom’s belief in the approach adopted based on the need for systematic and sustained international cooperation to gradually improve sustainability in the supply chain.

- > Swisscom recognises the damaging impact of benzene on people in the production process.
- > Substances harmful to health and their safe handling are already evaluated in JAC’s supplier audits. However, benzene is not listed individually.
- > As a GeSI and JAC member, Swisscom will continue to systematically work towards ensuring that audit guidelines are further improved and aligned with those of the manufacturing industry. This also concerns the issue of benzene.

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