

Hello Mill Partners,

Bulk quality and handfeel approvals have been previously managed by our Li & Fung Merchandising Team. As Kohl's transitions to a direct to vendor model there is a need to establish a process for setting fabric standards and approval authority with the intention to shift bulk quality approval ownership to the vendors.

This process will begin with a pilot for Summer 2025 development season and roll out for Fall 2025 development season for the below vendors. Additional vendors will be added to the pilot and certification in upcoming seasons.

Mill Expectations:

- Material Confirmation Form (MCF) is submitted to design in the development stage, mill should have a min 5-10yds available
- MCF is approved by design as standard, Vendor will reach out to the mill for the MCF.
- At any given point the mill should have an additional copy of the MCF, so that communication flows between Vendor, Mill and Kohls.

Please find the Pilot and the Certification process with the timeline attached. This was shared with all the Wave 1 Vendors already.

Pilot Teams	Season Timing	Scope
Vendors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sae-a, Hansoll, Hansae, Makalot, Nobland, GG, Yakjin & iApparel Kohl's Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All brands	Phase 1 Pilot Start: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer 2025 (Q2) - May/June/July• Binder submission: Dec WK 2• Certification status: Dec WK 3 Rollout season: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall 2025 (Q3) - Aug/Sept/Oct on floor	In Scope: Solid, Speciality (single dye, cross dye, double dye, etc), Print & Yarn Dye submits for Knit & Woven categories Out of Scope: Garment wash programs, Denim, Sweaters, Shop & Adopt styles



To recap

Wave1 Pilot will start in the Summer 2025 development season.
Certification will be done in Fall 2025 for wave 1 pilot vendors.
Additional vendors will be added to the pilot and certification in upcoming seasons.

Please find the Recording of the Pilot along with the deck for future reference.

Recording

https://dash.kohls.com/?init=eyJqdGkiOiI0ZWVhMzI4ZC1iZGE2LTRjZTktYTc0Mi00NDA4YjcwY2MwY2UiLCJleHAiOiE3NDA0MjU4ODZ9.k8DjBnLUvxVPhWPRZsrEmMY2-kJicfekF_C3ZXlgZtW

Please reach out to the **PD Material Inbox** if there are any questions.