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U.S. Promotes Exiting Chinese Supply Chain

The U.S. government is intensifying its efforts to persuade businesses to exit supply chains connected to China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

Broader and stronger warnings about doing business, particularly in specified industries, are included in a recently **updated government business advisory**.

The advisory has identified 'raw cotton,' cotton yarn, cotton fabric, ginning, spinning mills, and cotton products textiles (including apparel, bedding, carpets, wool, and *viscose), footwear, gloves as being at particular risk concerning the use of forced labor in Xinjiang.

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Federal Trade Commission Issues New "Made In USA" Regulations

New Enforcement Tools: The Rules Apply to Labels Appearing on Product Packaging or Online.

The new definition of 'label' extends beyond labels that are physically affixed to a product. Additionally, FTC declined to adopt proposed alternatives to the "all or virtually all" standard.

The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") approved a final rule to implement new regulations governing unqualified "Made in USA" claims on labels. The Rule recognizes that an unqualified U.S.- origin claim represents to consumers that no more than a de minimis amount of the product is foreign origin.

The New Rule codifies that **penalties can be assessed for erroneous unqualified claims on labels**, and that **labels mean more than the immediate product packaging**. The Rule will take effect on August 13, 2021.

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