

Rugmark Criteria :

(These Criteria are part of the License Agreement)

In considering every application for license, Rugmark Foundation shall require the applicant to satisfy the following mandatory criteria.

That the applicant is a bona fide dealer, manufacturer of exporter of carpets.

That the applicant has furnished an undertaking to the effect that he is committed to the complete removal of child labour in his carpet production and that his entire production of carpets is free from child labour from the date of application.

That the applicant has furnished an updated list of his sources to Rugmark Foundation for verification. The applicant must certify that the list given is a complete list and that it would be up-dated every 6 months under due intimation to Rugmark Foundation.

That all looms/ loom unit on which the applicant's carpets are being made are duly registered with the Carpet Export Promotion Council.

That the carpets submitted for inspection have been manufactured without the involvement of children under 14 years of age. In cases of ambiguity as to age, respective employer/ loom owner shall furnish an age certificate of the Chief Medical Officer. The foregoing prohibition does not , however affect the loom owners facility to make use of family child labour provided the applicant obtains an undertaking from the source that all such family children under 14 years of age attended school regularly.

In addition to the above-noted mandatory criteria, every applicant for licence shall sign a declaration, unequivocally committing himself to the payment of at least the official minimum wages to the loom - owners. Correspondingly, as a pre-requisite for the validity of the orders placed with the loom owners, the applicant will obtain from the loom-owner a duly sworn affidavit to the effect that

- * no child labour is employed
- * the weavers are paid at least the official minimum wages.

Upon satisfying itself that the applicant meets the criteria mentioned above and after receiving a satisfactory report from its inspection officers, Rugmark Foundation shall formally enter into a license agreement with the licensee, granting it the right to use the Certification Trade Mark.