



FTSE Russell Sustainable Indices – Controversial Weapons exclusions data source change

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Following the [notice](#) published on 5 November 2025, FTSE Russell would like provide additional details on the transition to the Sustainalytics' Controversial Weapons Radar dataset.

As stated in the previous notice, this transition will not result in any changes to the existing product involvement categories or thresholds applied for exclusion within indices. For clarity, if an index currently excludes cluster munitions, anti-personnel landmines and chemical & biological weapons, it will continue to exclude companies involved in these specific weapons only. No additional exclusions will be introduced as part of this change. The product involvement definitions for each dataset are outlined in the table below:

Weapon Type	FTSE Russell Definition	Sustainalytics Definition
Cluster Munitions (Core Weapons System)	Companies producing cluster munitions and their components, including all precursors, munitions, devices or equipment specifically designed for, and used directly in connection with, these weapons as defined by the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions.	Companies directly involved in the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are considered tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions.
Cluster Munitions (Supporting Services)	Secondary products and services specific and critical to cluster munitions as defined by the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions	Companies directly involved in providing components/services for a core weapon system, which are either considered not tailor-made or not essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions
Anti Personnel Landmines (Core Weapons System)	Companies that produce anti-personnel mines as defined by the 1997 Ottawa Anti Personnel Landmine Treaty ¹	Companies directly involved in the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are considered tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the 1997 Ottawa Anti Personnel Landmine Treaty. ¹
Anti Personnel Landmines (Supporting Services)	Secondary products and services specific and critical to anti personnel landmines as defined by the 1997 Ottawa Anti Personnel Landmine Treaty ¹ .	Companies directly involved in providing components/services for a core weapon system, which are either considered not tailor-made or not essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the 1997 Ottawa Anti Personnel Landmine Treaty. ¹
Chemical & Biological Weapons (Core Weapons System)	Companies producing chemical or biological weapons and their components, including all precursors, munitions, devices or equipment specifically designed for, and used directly in connection with, these weapons.	Companies directly involved in the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are considered tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention ² and the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention ³ .
Chemical & Biological Weapons (Supporting Services)	Secondary products and services specific and critical to chemical & biological weapons	Companies directly involved in providing components/services for a core weapon system, which are either considered not tailor-made or not essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention ² and the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention ³ .
Nuclear Weapons (Core Weapons System)	Companies that produce nuclear weapons or their components. This includes companies that provide delivery systems (e.g. ballistic missile submarines) or critical services (e.g. maintenance or IT) that are directly related to and specifically designed for nuclear weapons	Companies directly involved in the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are considered tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the Treaty of Tlatelolco ⁴ , Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) ⁵ and the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty ⁶
Nuclear Weapons (Supporting Services)	Secondary products and services specific and critical to nuclear weapons	Companies directly involved in providing components/services for a core weapon system, which are either considered not tailor-made or not essential for the lethal use of these weapons as defined by the Treaty of Tlatelolco ⁴ , Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) ⁵ and the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty ⁶

¹ Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (1997)

² Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (1972)

³ Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (1993)

⁴ Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean

⁵ Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

⁶ Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

For standard index families, it is intended that the change in the underlying data will be effective in conjunction with the index review timings outlined in the below table:

Series	December 2025	March 2026	June 2026
FTSE Global Choice Index Series	X		
FTSE EPRA Nareit Green Index Series	X		
FTSE JPX Net Zero Japan Index Series	X		
FTSE EU Climate Benchmarks Index Series	X		
FTSE Sustainability Factor Target Tilt Index Series	X		
FTSE Invesco Dynamic Multifactor Index Series	X		
FTSE TPI Climate Transition Index Series	X	X	
FTSE Sustainability Factor Climate Balanced Index Series		X	
FTSE4Good Index Series			X

Individual index ground rules specify which exclusions are applied. Ground rules will be updated, if required, to reflect this change.

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