

Children as Young as 5 Work in Brazil's Talc Mines

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Child labor continues to pervade supply chains throughout the Brazilian economy. This observation was made by Caio Magri, an adviser on government policies in the Ethos Institute, in a press conference at the kickoff of February's edition of the Social Observatory magazine.

The publication contains accusations against large multinational organizations that buy products from suppliers who exploit child labor in talc mines located in Ouro Preto, in the state of Minas Gerais.

According to Magri, child labor has declined in Brazil in recent years, "but a major effort on the part of companies, society, and the government is still needed to put an end to this evil."

According to the accusations, from the age of 5, children begin hauling rocks and breathing the lethal dust that infests these mines, which operate clandestinely in the Minas city.

The charges were investigated by the reporter, Marques Casara, over a four-month period.

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