



**Global**  
Standards

# GOTS

## Global Organic Textile Standard

According to the GOTS standards. The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibers, including ecological and social criteria, backed up by independent certification of the entire textile supply chain.

The aim of the standard is to define world-wide recognized requirements that ensure organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labeling in order to provide a credible assurance to the end consumer.

Textile processors and manufacturers are enabled to export their organic fabrics and garments with one certification accepted in all major markets.

### **QAS (Quality Assurance System)**

Generally a company participating in the GOTS certification scheme must work in compliance with all criteria of the standard. GOTS relies on a dual system to check compliance with the relevant criteria consisting of on-site auditing and residue testing.

### **Fiber Production key criteria for fiber production can be identified as:**

Organic certification of fibers on basis of recognized international or national standards (e.g. EEC 834/2007, USDA NOP)

Certification of fibers from conversion period is possible if the applicable farming standard permits such certification.

A textile product carrying the GOTS label grade 'organic' must contain a minimum of 95% certified organic fibers whereas a product with the label grade 'made with organic' must contain a minimum of 70% certified organic fibers

## **Processing key criteria for processing and manufacturing include:**

At all stages through the processing organic fiber products must be separated from conventional fiber products and must to be clearly identified

All chemical inputs (e.g. dyes, auxiliaries and process chemicals) must be evaluated and meeting basic requirements on toxicity and biodegradability/eliminability

Bleaches must be based on oxygen (no chlorine bleaching)

Discharge printing methods using aromatic solvents and plastisol printing methods using phthalates and PVC are prohibited Restrictions for accessories.

All operators must have an environmental policy including target goals and procedures to minimize waste and discharges Wet processing units must keep full records of the use of chemicals, energy, water consumption and waste water treatment, including the disposal of sludge and waste water.

Technical quality parameters must be met along with Minimum social criteria based on the key norms of the International Labour Organization (ILO) must be met by all processors and manufacturers; covering the local laws and act of country and internal social policies for labour.

Global Standards welcomes to every organization willing for GOTS certification with open arms by implementing the plan full objectives and to get certified post of the efficient and effective consultancy with no pain of extra ordinary expenses. Global Standards assures for fit and minimum requirement of application in your organization for this certification.

# BENEFITS OF GOTS

There are numerous ways in which companies benefit from becoming certified to the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS). Below we list the top five reasons how and why becoming certified to GOTS supports a company's business case for sustainability.

## **Risk Reduction**

- GOTS is a comprehensive risk management instrument for your supply chain
- GOTS sets strict and extensive environmental and social criteria for the entire

## **Supply chain**

- GOTS criteria are explicit

## **Credibility**

- Third party certification serves as independent external verification versus

## **Self-claims**

- Certification includes dual quality assurance - onsite inspection and product

## **Testing**

- Certification provides the credibility and verification of claims that investors, and the public, expect

## **Efficiency and Productivity**

- GOTS' wastewater management and other requirements result in improved eco-efficiency
- GOTS' social compliance management requirements results in improved socio-efficiency
- GOTS certification facilitates sustainable supply chain management, cutting companies' costs as they do not need to trace the whole supply chain themselves

## **Innovation and Differentiation**

- GOTS certification can grant access to new markets, e.g. public procurement
- GOTS is explicitly recognized by governments and leading textile, sport, environmental, and Organic organizations worldwide
- Sustainability innovation provides added value over conventional products

## **Sustainable Market Development**

- Enables companies to be market drivers
- Readies companies for the increasingly stringent regulatory climate

GOTS is recognised as the leading processing standard for textiles made from organic fiber worldwide.