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# HOW TO GET GOTS Certified



# WHAT IS GOTS?

GOTS or 'Global Organic Textile Standard' is the globally acknowledged standard for reliable traceability of organic content, covering the whole supply chain from the raw material to the end product. The certification also covers very relevant aspects of labor rights, social dynamics, health, and safety issues.

Additionally, GOTS sets a list of requirements about environmental and low-impact chemical benchmarks that have to be followed, especially by all units working within production and manufacturing processes.

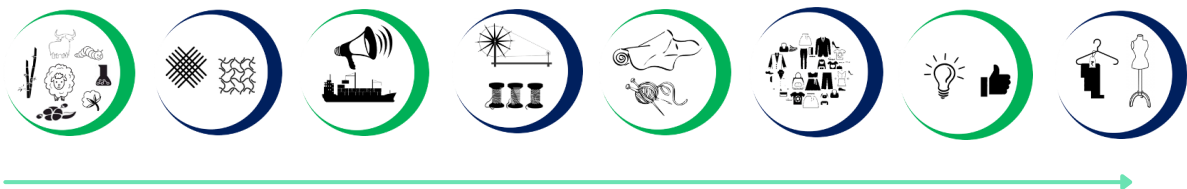
The overall goal of this standard is accurate traceability of product flow and production methods, ensuring no harm to consumers, workers or the environment can be done by the then final product.

GOTS aims to support organic content growth and ensure that dignity in supply chains is visible and promoted.

Another advantage is that GOTS helps to ensure that your product complies with all 17 goals of the UN Sustainable Development Goals defined in 2015.

# WHO NEEDS TO BE CERTIFIED?

Every single step of the supply chain needs to be monitored. All steps require an annual audit to achieve a fully GOTS certified product.



Source

Fiber

Trading

Yarn

Fabric

Product

Brand

Retail



Retailers do not need to become certified but can voluntarily choose to become certified, because they will be visible on the Certified Suppliers Database.



Warehouse units have to be audited as well, especially when a modification of the product is performed. Exceptions in frequency can be discussed with your certifier.

# WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

GOTS covers social and environmental aspects. Depending on your company's services you will have to comply with a list of regulations.

- Responsible staff for compliance / social / environmental regards
- Getting a good understanding of the standard regulations
- Informing management staff members about the certification
- Instructions on segregation of materials and cleaning of machinery
- Segregation of materials and additives in storage spaces
- Set up a social policy
- Prepare insights to HR and payroll related topics
- Check diversity, equality, and non-discrimination policies on site
- Hold staff training about safety concerns & document them
- Set up an environmental policy and staff training
- Train staff in chemical management if needed
- Track resources use and define goals to reduce consumption
- Collect all purchasing and sales documents of your certified goods
- Record and collect all data related to certifications on-site

# WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

To learn more about textile auditing routines, check out the TEXTILE AUDITS PDF on our webpage.

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