



Global Sustainability
Certification & Inspection
Services

TEXTILE AUDITS Basics

WHAT IS A TEXTILE AUDIT?

The common ground of most textile compliance standards is the segregation not only in production processes but also in storing and transport.

To follow material through the supply chain and not contaminate materials, all single unit steps within the supply chain need to be monitored. Independent 3rd parties as our certification body provide companies with trustworthy and comprehensible auditing services.

To ensure the integrity of textile certifications and materials, annual audits are conducted. This way we help you to trace the compliance of your material flow and in-house procedures.

HOW TO GET STARTED?

To start the process of getting certified, companies are required to file an application form. Fees and the audit schedule will be defined by your contracting office, based on the information you provide. Generally, the time frame of the whole process depends on how fast and complete documents are handed in to us and our auditor capacity.



APPLICATION FORM

An official application needs to be handed in by client



QUOTATION AND CONTRACT

We will provide you with an offer and contract which needs to be approved by client



DOCUMENT PREPARATION

Further registration forms, your internal documents and licensing documents need to be prepared



FILLING OUT A SYSTEM PLAN

This is a mandatory step for all our clients. Without the system plan, we can not plan your audit



PLANNING AND PAYING

After the successful completion of documents, we confirm your audit date



AUDIT APPOINTMENT

You will have an in person or remote audit with one of our expert auditors



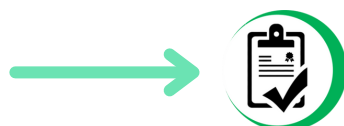
AUDIT REPORT

Your lead auditor will prepare the observational report and hand it in for review



CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Timeframe for potential corrections and handing in of additional documentation by client



SUCCESSFULLY CERTIFIED

WHAT ARE THE AUDIT BASICS?

Here are some key points that help you to understand general auditing routines. All our textile auditors are globally trained experts in certifications and compliance management, this way we ensure the highest quality of audits.

- Every textile audit is different depending on location, number of units, and services provided
- Auditing has to be a neutral procedure, so our auditors do not consult clients
- A textile audit is usually a mix of an interview, documentation checks, a walkthrough of the location, and workers consultations (if applicable)
- Units with no actual goods, workers, or production on-site have to provide less complex documentation during an audit
- All information exchange is confidential
- Auditors need to be able to request relevant documentation before/during the audit
- You can not immediately fail and audit, we work with Non-Compliance points
- We offer virtual audit assessments according to the latest requirements

HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN AUDIT?

The segregation of materials and documentation of routines is the most crucial parts of preparation! If you update these processes regularly and accurately, your compliance management will be much more successful.



The IDENTIFICATION of claimed material in a supply chain is the basis of traceability



SEGREGATION of claimed materials in your production flow or unit prevents contamination or mix-ups with conventional materials



Controlling the VOLUME of certified materials within your supply chain ensures transparency and accuracy



By LABELLING products, documents, shipments, or work areas for the specific standard you ensure the correct handling of materials



Creating WRITTEN PROCEDURES for all processes in your unit are helpful for your own control and the auditing process



RECORDS of all activities regarding the standard relevant processes around the product, unit, and workers are important to ensure credibility

CONTACT

Feel free to reach out for your service offer and certification proposal.

For your personalized service offer and cost estimation, please get in touch with our offices.

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