



GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD  
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# GOTS STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Global Organic Textile Standard (“GOTS”) is a voluntary sustainability standard for the processing of certified organic fibres. Global Standard gGmbH (“Global Standard”) is the operating unit for GOTS.
- 1.2 The Standard undergoes a revision every 3 years and this primary activity is undertaken by the Standards Revision Committee (SRC) of GOTS.
- 1.3 This document outlines the strategy for achieving the stakeholder participation, identifying interest sectors and key stakeholder groups. The stakeholders may be representing the industry, NGOs and / or consumers. These stakeholders are selected based on our scope and our defined social, environmental, and economic outcomes.
- 1.4 For Abbreviations and Definitions of terms used in this document, refer to the Standard Setting Procedure document.

## 2 SECTORS AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Based on Standard’s scope and its desired outcomes, following sectors and Key stakeholders’ group within those sectors are identified:

### 2.1 ORGANIC PRODUCTION

- 2.1.1 International Standard setting organisations

### 2.2 MECHANICAL PROCESSING OF TEXTILES

- 2.2.1 Industry or sector specific associations
- 2.2.2 NGOs

### 2.3 TEXTILE WET PROCESSING

- 2.3.1 Industry or sector specific associations
- 2.3.2 NGOs

### 2.4 PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

- 2.4.1 Domain experts / Industry or sector specific associations

### 2.5 MATTRESSES

- 2.5.1 Domain experts / Industry or sector specific association

### 2.6 CHEMICAL INPUTS (COLOURANTS AND AUXILIARIES)

- 2.6.1 Industry or sector specific associations
- 2.6.2 Environmental NGOs

### 2.7 ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA

- 2.7.1 Inter-governmental organisations
- 2.7.2 Environmental NGOs

### 2.8 TESTING SERVICES

- 2.8.1 Testing laboratories
- 2.8.2 Proficiency testing organisations

## 2.9 SOCIAL CRITERIA

- 2.9.1 Voluntary social standards
- 2.9.2 Inter-governmental organisation
- 2.9.3 Trade Unions
- 2.9.4 Consumer Organisations

## 2.10 Ethical business behaviour

- 2.10.1 Consumer Organisations
- 2.10.2 Trade Unions NGOs

## 3 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

Selected international stakeholder organisations shall be invited to participate in the revision process. The invited stakeholders will be published on the website. To identify a stakeholder, following strategic points shall be considered at the beginning of the revision process:

- 3.1 The potential stakeholder shall be a well-established international organisation.
- 3.2 Understanding the position of potential stakeholder among the industry sectors identified in Section 1.3 of this document.
- 3.3 The level of expertise and expanse of potential stakeholder in its respective domain.
- 3.4 The potential stakeholder shall be an interested party to GOTS, who shall be directly or indirectly affected by its implantation.
- 3.5 Exploring new alliances that may collaborate with GOTS to support the standard.
- 3.6 To identify and strategize an outreach plan for underrepresented groups: During the next revision process, a list of unrepresented groups shall be made by the Standard Revision Committee and these groups shall be invited to be part of the revision process. Emails shall be sent to these groups and the requirement made public through GOTS newsletter and on the website.
- 3.7 Organisations that are not a part of participating stakeholders list may send in their contributions through one of the organisations listed in Section 5 of this document.
- 3.8 Stakeholder's participation documents as well as potential stakeholders shall be stored within a Stakeholder Database with GOTS.

## 4 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

To enhance engagement from varied interest groups in the standard revision procedure, GOTS shall

- 4.1 Re-establish contact with participating stakeholders to ensure their participation in the next revision process.
- 4.2 Request participating stakeholders to recommend potential stakeholders for the upcoming revision process.
- 4.3 Actively seek expression of interest from new organisations within the interest sectors via GOTS newsletter and other available means.
- 4.4 The procedure and planned timetable shall be introduced to participating stakeholders and published on the GOTS website.
- 4.5 GOTS shall conduct public surveys and /or webinars.

## ANNEX B

### Current stakeholder list

- Clean Clothes Campaign
- Consumers International
- Cradle to Cradle (C2C)
- Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigments
- EURATEX
- Fair Labor Association
- Fair World Project
- Fairtrade International
- Fairwear Foundation
- Fairwild Foundation
- Greenpeace International
- IndustriAll
- International Apparel Federation
- International Cotton Association
- International Council of Chemical Associations
- International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements
- International Labour Organisation
- International Textile Manufacturers Association
- International Wool Textile Organisation
- TEGEWA
- Textil- und Bekleidungsverband Nordwest
- Textile Exchange
- The Nordic Swan Ecolabel
- Transparency International
- Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
- Social Accountability International
- Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production

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### Important:

The following verbal forms are used to indicate requirements, recommendations, permissions, or capabilities in this document:

- “shall” indicates a mandatory requirement
- “should” indicates a recommendation
- “may” indicates a permission
- “can” indicates a possibility or capability

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