

The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) was developed by leading international standard setters in order to define world-wide recognised requirements that ensure organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labelling – in order to provide credible assurance to the consumer.

Supported by the growth in consumption of organic fibres and by the remarkable demand for unified processing criteria from the industry and retail sector, the Global Organic Textile Standard has already gained universal recognition. It enables processors and manufacturers to supply their textiles made from organic fibres with one certification accepted in all major selling markets.

## ABOUT US

The International Working Group on Global Organic Textile Standard is comprised of four reputed member organisations, namely OTA (USA), IVN (Germany), Soil Association (UK) and JOCA (Japan). They contribute to the GOTS, together with further international stakeholder organizations and experts, their respective expertise in organic farming and environmentally and socially responsible textile processing.

## INFORMATION CENTRE

The Information Centre on the GOTS website provides news on GOTS, answers to Frequently Asked Questions and downloads of all official documents released by the International Working Group on Global Organic Textile Standard.

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COMPREHENSIVE RULES  
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## THE STANDARD

The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is recognised as the leading processing standard for textiles made from organic fibres worldwide. It defines high level environmental criteria along the entire supply chain of organic textiles and requires compliance with social criteria as well.



## LICENCING & LABELLING

With completion of GOTS certification, the certified entity acquires a licence which entitles it to participate in the GOTS program, including use of the standard and the GOTS logo on its respective GOTS goods. Details including the amount of the respective licence fee are defined in the "Licencing & Labelling Guide".



## CERTIFICATION

On-site inspection and certification of processors, manufacturers and traders performed by independent specially accredited bodies is the basis of the GOTS monitoring system. This assures the integrity of GOTS certified textiles.



## PUBLIC DATABASE

The GOTS public data base is a practical tool that enables its user to search, according to his individual needs, for GOTS certified entities in the supply chain, their location, field of operation, and GOTS certified products.