



ADVISORY TO GOTS APPROVED CERTIFICATION BODIES

REFERENCE: POLICY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TRANSACTION CERTIFICATES V3.0

Since July 1st 2022, the implementation date of the Policy for Issuance of Transaction Certificates v3.0, GOTS and Textile Exchange have been following up with Approved Certification Bodies and received feedback and suggestions for the same. Discussions with other stakeholders have also been done.

As a result, both organisations have decided that certain requirements within the TC policy need to be marginally revised and/or clarified. A detailed list of the changes is given in the following table.

While the revised transaction policies shall be formally released in due course, to ensure that the implementation of these updated requirements is done within the least possible time, a summary of changes is being shared with all Certification Bodies via this Advisory so that necessary actions are taken at their end.

Current Section of the TC policy	Type of Change	Current Clause	Updated Clause
3.2.9.5	Reworded for clarity	<i>"The invoice numbers..."</i>	<i>"The seller's invoice numbers..."</i>
3.2.9.6	Further clarifications shall be included in the policy		CASE 1: The buyer arranges transportation from the seller's facility. The seller's facility is listed as the consignee. CASE 2: The seller arranges transportation to a port in the buyer's country. The buyer arranges transportation from the port. The port is listed as the consignee unless the seller submits transport documents from the port to the final destination. CASE 3: The buyer is a large retailer and may also be the brand. The seller arranges transportation to the buyer's warehouse/distribution centre and the buyer arranges transportation to individual retail stores. The buyer's warehouse/distribution centre is listed as the consignee. --- If buyer is certified, the consignee shall be a certified site of the buyer.

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			If the seller site is a consignee, the buyer's CB shall verify transportation documents between the seller and buyer's certified site before accepting as input or using TC as input.
3.2.10.2	Information requirement: "purchase order number" is mandatory	Order number – the seller's invoice number or the buyer's purchase order number associated with the product. The order number is optional information.	Order number – the buyer's purchase order number associated with the product.
3.2.10.8	Information requirement: "production date" is mandatory	Production date – The date of production of the product. Where the product was produced over multiple days, the latest date shall be used. If the seller did not process the product, the date shall be copied from the incoming Transaction Certificate. This information is optional.	Production date – The date of production of the product. Where the product was produced over multiple days, the latest date shall be used. If the seller did not process the product, the date shall be copied from the incoming Transaction Certificate.

As summarized in the table, "purchase order number" (Box 10) and "production date" (Box 10) shall now be included on TC as mandatory information.

The Transaction Certificate policy and the TC template shall soon be updated however this notification is to inform you earlier for a timely implementation.

Please note that these revised requirements are harmonised with Textile Exchange.

Implementation Date: No later than 1st October 2022

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