



GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD  
ECOLOGY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# CHANGE LOG

## GOTS V 7.0

### REVISION DRAFT 2.0

CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE FIRST DRAFT DOCUMENT OF GOTS V 7.0 ARE LISTED IN THIS CHANGELOG FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS AS PART OF THE STANDARD REVISION PROCEDURE FROM VERSION 6.0 TO 7.0

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DOCUMENT	SECTION	RELEVANT CHANGE(S)
GOTS	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An introductory statement inserted stating the concerned stakeholders under GOTS certification criteria “This document defines the GOTS criteria for textile producers, manufacturers, B2B operators as well as for textile chemicals.”</li> <li>• The following wording was deleted: GOTS criteria or the local legal requirements, whichever is higher, shall always be followed. An alternative wording was added: Certified Entity shall comply with local laws and regulations to ensure the legality of its business. Certified Entity shall follow GOTS criteria or the local legal requirements, whichever affords higher protection to people and the environment.</li> <li>• Section is edited for consistency and clarity.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulation version is revised to reflect the new version of EU Organic Regulation as “(EU) 2018/848”</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance group name is reworded for clarity as “<i>Inputs</i> (e.g. azo dyes and pigments) which release arylamines with carcinogenic properties (MAK III, category 1,2,3) and Aniline, free, (category 4)”</li> <li>• Examples of prohibited Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are reworded for clarity from “(such as PFCA (incl. PFOA), PFSA (incl. PFOS) FTOH, PFNA, PFHpA, PFDA)” to “Including PFCA (incl. PFOA), PFSA (incl. PFOS) FTOH, PFNA, PFHpA, PFDA, PFOSA, PTFE”</li> <li>• Cyclic siloxanes: a contamination limit of “0.01% (100ppm)” is included for D4.</li> <li>• Quinoline is included as a prohibited substance (residue limit is included in the Implementation Manual)</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section is reworded for clarity “<i>..subcontractors (if any) and shall be applicable to the entire site during the validity of the certification</i>”</li> <li>• Section is edited and updated for consistency and clarity.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Ammonia Treatment” exception is reworded as “<i>Allowed if performed in a closed system with a minimum of 99% recycling rate.</i>” from “<i>allowed for after-treatment of wool, if performed in a closed system.</i>”</li> <li>• An exception for “Bleaching” is inserted as “<i>Manganese containing catalyzers may be used to activate hydrogen peroxide as long as ETAD's manganese residue limit for is respected.</i>” See section 7”</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.6 & 2.4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For clarity, H317 is included for sensitising</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion for additional fibre types “<i>Mechanically recycled organic fibres, derived from pre-consumer waste of GOTS Goods (intermediate or finished)</i>” for up to 30% category</li> <li>• “Protein-based fibres” reworded for clarity “protein-based regenerated fibres” and a definition is included to Section 7.</li> <li>• Allowed percentage is changed to “up to 20%” for the additional fibre category of “Recycled synthetic (polymer) fibres from pre- or post-consumer waste: only polyester, polyamide, polypropylene, elastomultiester (elasterell-p) and polyurethane (elastane)”</li> </ul>



GOTS	2.4.10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reworded for clarity “If textile fibres are used, the material shall be certified to organic or organic in-conversion (fillings with textile fibres are not considered accessories).”</li> <li>• Included as a new criterion “Pocket spring units shall be made by GOTS certified textile materials“ for “fillings&amp;stuffings” and for “supports&amp;frames”</li> <li>• Included as a new criterion “<i>Earbud sticks: allowed are natural materials</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.13.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Shipping documents” wording is included for clarity as “<i>Transportation means, shipping documents and routes shall be documented.</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.13.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new statement is included permitting bioplastic packaging under certain conditions as “<i>Bioplastic packaging produced from non-GMO biomass sources and certified/tested to be non-toxic, and biodegradable or home/industrially compostable can be used.</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residue limits of additional fibres which are blended with organic fibres in a final GOTS Goods will need to comply with the same residue limits as stated in Section 2.4.16, to prevent conflicting residue limits stated in 2.4.17. Explanation is included as “<i>Additional fibres which are blended in GOTS Goods (in accordance with the criteria of Section 2.4.10.1) shall also comply with this section.</i>”</li> <li>• Title is updated to include Additional Fibres (to blend in with certified material)</li> <li>• Cadmium limit is revised to 40mg/kg from 45 mg/kg</li> <li>• For the substance group “Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)” certain limits are revised as: “<i>PFOS and PFAS C9-C14: &lt;0.025 mg/kg</i>” “<i>C9-C14 related PFAS: &lt; 0.1 mg/kg</i>”</li> <li>• A limit of “100 mg/kg” is included for D4, Cyclic siloxanes</li> <li>• Section residue parameters are adjusted to reflect relevant residue parameters for synthetic fiber (reference given to section 2.4.17) “<i>In presence of synthetic additional fibres in finished GOTS Goods, following parameters shall be considered in addition: other chemical residues, solvent residues, formamide, nonylphenol ethoxylates</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title and introduction is updated to reflect residues for accessories “Limit Values for residues in Accessories”</li> <li>• For pesticides the test method “L 00.00-115” is included</li> <li>• For organotin compounds the test method “or ISO 22744-1:2020, Part 1 and Part 2” is included</li> <li>• A limit of “100 mg/kg” is included for D4, Cyclic siloxanes</li> <li>• Quinoline limit is included as &lt; 20mg/kg and relevant testing method is referenced “<i>DIN 54231:2005 with methanol extraction followed by LC/MS</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following provision was added at the end of the section: “<i>Certified Entity shall at the minimum follow regulatory requirements for the protection of young workers.</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wording of the section was modified: “<i>Prohibited is any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to a person, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.</i>”</li> </ul>



GOTS	3.6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wording of the section was modified as follows: <i>“Certified Entity shall implement policies that promote gender equality through equal, fair, and transparent recruitment, promotion, reward, and pay.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wording of the section was modified: <i>“Certified Entity shall support their workers, without distinction, in exercising the right to freedom of association and to join or form trade unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.8.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wording of the section was modified: <i>“Where the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining is restricted under law, the appropriate channels to ensure a reasonable and independent exercise of such rights must be designed by the Certified Entity. The Certified Entity does not hinder the development of the independent and free association and bargaining. Certified Entity allows their workers to freely elect representatives with whom the Certified Entity can enter into a dialogue about related issues.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.8.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wording of the section was modified: <i>“Certified Entity shall display (for example, on a notice board) and communicate (for example, in employment contracts) about workers’ right to freedom of association and collective bargaining.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.9.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Section 3.9.9 was added: <i>“Certified Entity shall demonstrate compliance with local fire safety regulations, including the provision of required firefighting equipment.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.9.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New section 3.9.10 was added: <i>“Certified Entity shall make available unrestricted, thus unlocked and unobstructed, access to clearly marked emergency exits and escape routes. Certified Entity shall install and maintain functioning fire alarms on every floor or working area.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.9.2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A New sentence was added at the end of the section: <i>“Certified Entity shall regularly identify existing and potential hazards and assess related risks for health and safety.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.9.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wording of the section was modified: <i>“Certified Entity shall take appropriate steps to prevent accidents, injuries and illnesses associated with or occurring in the course of work by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment and following the hierarchy of controls. The Certified Entity shall provide appropriate personal protective equipment to the workers (including homeworkers) at no cost to such workers, and it shall assure that workers use such equipment whenever necessary.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.9.11 (former 3.9.9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wording of the section was modified, and an additional sentence was added at the end of the section: <i>“Certified Entity shall provide training and make safety signs available in the local language and the language(s) spoken by their workforce. Certified Entity shall provide training and make safety signs available in the local language and the language(s) spoken by their workforce. Workers shall be involved as per the law-defined mechanisms in the discussions related to occupational health and safety.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.10.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new sentence is added at the end of the section: <i>“Additionally, in any case, the wage of such piece rate workers must not be less than national legal standards or negotiated wage or industry benchmark standards, whichever is higher.”</i></li> </ul>



GOTS	3.10.6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wording of the section was modified: <i>“Any deductions from wages are permitted only under the conditions and to the extent prescribed by law or fixed by a collective agreement, whichever affords greater protection.</i></li> <li>• A new sentence is added at the end of the section: <i>In case of deductions, workers must have the relevant information regarding the grounds for such deductions communicated to them in advance.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.10.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new sentence is added at the end of the section: <i>“Wherever possible, efforts and priority must be given to digital payment. Any digital form of wages is permitted only under the conditions and to the extent prescribed by law or fixed by collective bargaining agreements.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.14.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wording <i>“as far as possible”</i> was deleted from the proposed draft.</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.15.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wording of the first sentence of Section 3.15.1 was modified: <i>“GOTS Social and Environmental Criteria shall be implemented through the due diligence process.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.15.6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following wording was added in Section 3.15.6. as the last sentence: <i>“Certified Entity shall regularly provide the responsible person(s) with training on all relevant topics related to labour rights.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	3.15.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wording of the section was modified in the last sentence at the end of the section: <i>“Certified Entity shall refrain from disciplinary measures, dismissals or other forms of discrimination against workers for providing information concerning the observance of GOTS social criteria and any other human or labour rights related issue.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text is edited for clarity and consistency <i>“Exceptions for the certification of Traders and exception for the annual on site inspection of small scale subcontractors with a low-risk potential are defined in the corresponding Implementation Manual. An on-site inspection shall, however, be performed to such units (small scale subcontractors with a low risk) at least for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and every 3<sup>rd</sup> year of granted certification. Certification exceptions and contiditions for retailers are defined in the corresponding Implementation Manual.”</i></li> </ul>
GOTS	6.1.2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further criterion is included as " For security veils, only 100% organic cotton fibres are allowed. "</li> </ul>
GOTS	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A definition of “protein –based (regenerated) fibre is included as</li> <li>• Definition of “subcontractors” is reworded</li> </ul>