



GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD  
ECOLOGY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# CHANGE LOG

## MANUAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOTS V 7.0

### REVISION DRAFT 2.0

CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE FIRST DRAFT DOCUMENT OF MANUAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOTS V7.0 ARE LISTED IN THIS CHANGELOG FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS AS A PART OF THE STANDARD REVISION PROCEDURE FROM VERSION 6.0 TO 7.0

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DOCUMENT	SECTION	RELEVANT CHANGE(S)			
GOTS IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL (GOTS IM)	2.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation code is updated to reflect current one as (EU) 2018/848</li> </ul>			
GOTS IM	2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GMO techniques are reworded to include cell fusion “Recombinant DNA (self cloning), DNA sequencing, gene editing, gene engineering, cell fusion are considered genetic modification techniques, therefore, inputs produced by such methods are prohibited.”</li> <li>Title is reworded for clarity as “Inputs (e.g. azo dyes and pigments) releasing arylamines with carcinogenic properties (MAK III, category 1,2,3) and Aniline, free, (category 4)”</li> <li>Aniline (free) and respective limit are separately listed for clarity.</li> <li>H317 code is noted for sensitizing</li> <li>Definition of PFAS is included as “PFAS is a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.”</li> <li>Definition of Medium Chain Chlorinated Paraffins (MCCPs) is included as “UVCB (Substances of Unknown or Variable composition, Complex reaction products or of Biological materials) substances consisting of more than or equal to 80% linear chloroalkanes with carbon chain lengths within the range from C14 to C17.”</li> <li>Contamination detection limit for Quinoline (91-22-5) is included as &lt;1000 mg/kg</li> </ul>			
GOTS IM	2.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance is included as “In case ECHA provides a specific concentration limit for classification, it shall be followed for declaration limit on SDS. With regards to the specific classification limits please refer to the recent version of the Table of harmonised entries in Annex VI to CLP (ATP).”</li> <li>Reference is included as “<a href="#">Table of harmonised entries in Annex VI to CLP</a>, Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP).”</li> <li>Self classification may be included in the SDS before the classification of a substance is harmonized based on the risk assessment of Scope 4 certifier and shall be indicated on LoA as a footnote.</li> </ul>			
GOTS IM	2.4.6 & 2.4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitising disperse dyes are listed and indicated separately as “Following disperse dyes are prohibited for sensitising (H317) reasons:”</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="689 1123 1868 1161"> <tr> <td>C.I. Disperse Blue 291</td> <td>C.I. Disperse Yellow 54</td> <td>C.I. Disperse Violet 93</td> </tr> </table>	C.I. Disperse Blue 291	C.I. Disperse Yellow 54	C.I. Disperse Violet 93
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GOTS IM	2.4.10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation is included as “Mechanically recycled organic fibres derived from pre-consumer waste of GOTS Goods (intermediate or finished) shall come from GOTS Certified Entities. Mechanically recycled fibres (from GOTS certified waste) may be used as additional fibre up to 30%. This is allowed as long as the Certification Body is satisfied with the traceability aspects of the waste and recycling process.”</li> <li>• Examples of possible and not possible fibre compositions are updated</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	2.4.10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of accessory is limited as “use of decorative accessories (i.e. sequins, lace) on certified GOTS goods shall maximum constitute of 10% by weight of the product’s total weight and 40% by the surface area coverage of the product’s total surface.”</li> <li>• Reworded to include assessment of adhesive products “Adhesive products (such as glue) shall be assessed and approved under Scope 4 (e.g. for mattresses, pasting embellishments, personal care products etc). Adhesive chemicals are not to be seen as accessory.”</li> <li>• Reference is included for threatened animals, plants and timber please refer to Red List of the IUCN</li> <li>• Fiber composition calculation guidance is included as “In case textile fibers are used for the purpose of filling/stuffing of a certified textile cover, the weight of the filling can be included into fiber percentage calculation for the GOTS label grade. In case non-textile fibers are used for the purpose of filling/stuffing of a certified textile cover, the weight of the filling cannot be included into fiber percentage calculation for the GOTS label grade.”</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	2.4.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further guidance is given as “each GOTS Certified Entity including trade offices shall have a written environmental policy that is appropriate to the nature of their business. Such a written policy for trade offices for instance may include carbon reduction activities, sustainable purchasing approaches, office lightning etc.</li> <li>• A reference is given as “European Union, European Green Office”</li> <li>• Further guidance is given as “Carbon Footprint Policy may be a component/subsection of the written Environmental Management Policy of the Certified Entities. The Carbon Footprint Policy shall contain the approach of the Certified Entity to set activities towards identification, monitoring, and reduction of GHG emissions.”</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	2.4.13.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation is enhanced to cover an exemplary document as “Forwarders Certificate of Receipt (FCR) can be accepted as a shipping document.”</li> </ul>



GOTS IM	2.4.13.2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further guidance is included as relevant testing methods for bioplastics: Biodegradability test for plastic packaging: Soil ASTM D5988 Freshwater ASTM D5271/EN29408 Marine ASTM D6691 Compostability test for plastic packaging: Industrial ASTM D6400/EN 13424:2000 Home ASTM D6400/EN 13432:2000 Lower Temp Conditions</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	2.4.16 & 17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance for accessory testing is included as “<i>When conducting residue tests on finished GOTS Goods according to Section 2.4.16, sampling should not contain accessory parts (e.g. button packet textiles). Necessary instructions should be provided to testing laboratories.</i>”</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	3.4. (3.4.3.)	The reference to the ILO C090 added to the list of ILO Conventions that have to be observed by the Certified Entities contained in the interpretation of Section 3.2.1: C090 - Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention (Revised)
GOTS IM	3.8.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Guidance was added to the section.</li> <li>• Guidance: <i>When developing the policies concerning the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining Certified Entity shall rely on ILO Conventions 87, 98 and 135.</i></li> <li>• References to ILO C087, ILO C098, ILO C135</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	3.10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional guidance was added.</li> <li>• Guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No worker may experience a decrease in real wages year over year. Adjust each worker’s wage at least annually. When adjusting workers’ wages the inflation rates shall be taken into account.</i></li> <li>• <i>Wage increases shall be made in cash unless in-kind benefits are negotiated and included in a collective bargaining agreement.</i></li> <li>• <i>If wages are below the relevant living wage benchmark, entities shall regularly increase wages to reduce the gap with the living wage.</i></li> <li>• <i>Use country data on inflation published by the World Bank</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reference: <i>A Global Database of Inflation, World Bank</i></li> </ul>
GOTS IM	3.10.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional guidance was added:</li> <li>• Guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Collect detailed data on current compensation. Analyse data to identify distinct wage groups and their earnings. Use the IDH Salary Matrix.</i></li> <li>• <i>Identify the local living wage estimate. If available, use the Anker estimate. Otherwise, use the Asia Floor Wage,</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



		<p>or other NGO or union estimate. If none of these is available, generate an estimate using the resources provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For each wage group, calculate the wage gap (the difference between actual and living wage).</li> <li>• Systematically share wage gap calculation with workers, ask them how the living wage estimate compares to their experiences, and record their responses.</li> <li>• Note that in the future, Living Wage estimates may be required to include the cost of early childcare.</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	3.10.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional guidance was added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically share wage gap calculation with buyers, ask them how long it would take to increase prices to cover the wage gap and record their responses</li> <li>• Make a plan (signed by the person(s) authorized to implement the plan).</li> <li>• Plan should include an annual obligation to reduce the gap until its complete elimination.</li> <li>• Plan should take into account that living wages are subject to change due to inflation, taxation and statutory deductions.</li> <li>• Ensure that the plan is based on dialogue with a recognized trade union or, in their absence, elected worker representatives.</li> <li>• Involve buyers that source more than 20% of volume so that you may discuss how they will enable wage improvement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
GOTS IM	3.13.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional guidance was added.</li> <li>• Certified Entity shall observe the Dhaka Principles when hiring migrant workers. In particular, a Certified Entity shall not retain migrant workers' passports or any original identity documents.</li> <li>• Reference: Dhaka Principles for Migration and Dignity.</li> </ul>
GOTS IM	3.15.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following guidance was added to the Manual for the Implementation of GOTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The complaints mechanism shall be based on the Guiding Principle 39 of the UNGPs and shall be legitimate, accessible, predictable, equitable, transparent, rights-compatible, and should serve as a source of continuous learning.</li> <li>• Reference: UN. 2011. Guiding principles on business and human rights: implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" framework.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
GOTS IM	4.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wording is enhanced via inclusion of "B2C" for further clarity "Certification of (B2C) retailers is obligatory only if at least one of the following conditions is valid:"</li> <li>• Wording is enhanced via inclusion of "third-party" for further clarity "Assessment of the processing system by means of visits to processing and storage units which may also include visits to non-certified, third party areas such as warehouses, fulfilment centres etc.,"</li> </ul>



GOTS IM	6.1.3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further guidance is included for barrier film use “<i>In case of reusable/washable personal care products (e.g. nappies, cloth pads), polyurethane (PU) layer, that is not in direct contact with the skin can be used for the purpose of leak proofing. In this case, Section 2.4.10.1 shall be followed.</i>”</li></ul>
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