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### List of relevant changes in GOTS 5.0 and the Implementation Manual as compared to GOTS 4.0

Relevant changes and specifications to the content are listed, but not each detail and/or explanation is provided in this overview. Accordingly, it cannot be used as a fully comprehensive and complete list of changes but only as an indicative supporting document. Please refer to the new GOTS version 5.0 and the corresponding Manual for exact and binding changes.

Document	Chapter	Relevant change
GOTS & Manual	Various / Common	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The word “standard” has been changed to the more definitive “Standard” throughout the documents when referring to the Global Organic Textile Standard.</li> <li>“International Working Group” has been replaced by “Global Standard gGmbH”</li> <li>“Technical Committee” has been replaced by “Standards Committee”</li> <li>“Technical Director” has been changed to “Director Standards Development &amp; Quality Assurance”</li> <li>Limit values have been changed from “ppm” to “mg/kg”</li> <li>CAS Numbers for chemicals have been reviewed &amp; included where necessary for better identification.</li> <li>Term ‘sensitizing’ added where ‘allergenic’ was mentioned.</li> </ul>
GOTS	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement on exception added.</li> <li>Paragraphs related to social sustainability added to include statements that reflect GOTS position on requirements in this area.</li> </ul>
Manual	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added explanation on scope of ‘Combined Products’.</li> </ul>
GOTS	1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added references to Labelling Release for GOTS Goods and GOTS Additives.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reworded for clarity. Added references to NPOP and China Organic Standard.</li> <li>ISO 65 removed since superseded.</li> </ul>
Manual	2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference to NPOP added with web link.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.2.1 & 2.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified requirement of fibre content.</li> <li>Added statements related to unacceptability of fibres originating from production processes where gross violation of ILO core labour norms or land-grabbing have been evidenced.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified restriction on use of Flame Retardants</li> <li>Clarified restriction on use of Chlorophenols</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanded example list of Organotin Compounds</li> <li>Expanded example list of Per- and Polyfluorinated Compounds.</li> </ul>
Manual	2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended contamination limits due to unintended by-products / contaminants from chemical inputs introduced. (MRSL).</li> <li>Interpretation includes GOTS philosophy towards chemical inputs and review of limits.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footnotes reworded for clarity</li> </ul>
Manual	2.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statements regarding toxicity requirements for preparations added.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few grammatical changes made.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated standard to JIS Z 7253:2012</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alkaline Treatment added to Mercerization, criteria reworded.</li> </ul>
Manual	2.4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of allergenic disperse dyes reviewed and modified.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section has been rearranged into two sub-sections, one for additional fibre materials (2.4.9.1), the second for Accessories (2.4.9.2)</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.9.1 (new)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angora now referred to as Angora Hair.</li> <li>Use of Viscose, Modal restricted again to 10 % (25% for socks, leggings and sportswear). Use of lyocell and protein based fibres allowed up to 30%.</li> <li>Section reorganized for better clarity.</li> <li>Positive statement on GOTS requirements of regenerated / synthetic fibres &amp; exceptions added for added clarity.</li> </ul>
Manual	2.4.9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpretation samples of possible material compositions allowed and disallowed updated.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.9.2 (new)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessories / Material in General clarified with examples</li> <li>Natural fibre requirements reworded for better clarity.</li> <li>“Chrome” changed to “chromium”</li> <li>Clarified requirements for latex foam in fillings and stuffings.</li> <li>Requirement for non-slip floor covering added.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grammatical change.</li> </ul>
Manual	2.4.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note related to COD measurement added to Interpretation</li> <li>Added guidance related to ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified GOTS position on use of pesticides and biocides when mandated for use by national law or rules.</li> <li>Exemption statement on wooden pallets and transportation activities added.</li> </ul>

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GOTS	2.4.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GOTS requirements clarified for receipt of TCs, identification of GOTS goods on invoices and requirements for documentation availability with Certified Entity. Changes necessary to ensure all follow prevalent good practises.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rating for Colourfastness to Saliva changed from 'Fast' to '5' based on current practises.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table for Limit values for residues in GOTS Goods reformatted in few places. No requirement has been relaxed.</li> <li>Test methods updated.</li> <li>Some limits harmonized with requirements of REACH.</li> </ul>
GOTS	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit values for residues in additional fibre materials and accessories reformatted.</li> <li>Separate limit values for "<i>textiles for babies and personal care products</i>" and "<i>other GOTS Goods</i>" created.</li> <li>Where possible, limit values harmonized with others for use by Certified Entities.</li> </ul>
Manual	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpretation modified for acceptance of Ökotex Standard 100 class 1 for personal care or <i>textiles for babies</i> and Class 2 for other <i>GOTS Goods</i> or equivalent for accessories.</li> </ul>
GOTS	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsections have been reorganized for better clarity and purpose.</li> <li>Some subsections have been added to cover social aspects in a more robust manner.</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reworded to clarify requirement of Social Criteria, especially at the farm level.</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.2; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.8; 3.9; 3.10; 3.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provisions in these sections have been reworded or statements added for better clarity and purpose.</li> <li>Provision to compensate extra working hours with leisure time added in 3.8.</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statements added related to safe and hygienic working conditions.</li> <li>Statements related to vulnerable individuals added.</li> <li>Statements related to safety of equipment, buildings and accommodation added.</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section renamed "Fair Remuneration"</li> <li>Reworded to clarify GOTS position and requirements on different aspects of remuneration and deductions</li> </ul>
GOTS	3.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsection on "Ethical Business Behaviour" added.</li> </ul>
Manual	3.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GOTS recommendation on using social criteria tools such as SAI Social Fingerprint™ or equivalent added as guidance.</li> </ul>
Manual	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement related to other fibres added for better clarity on first processing stages.</li> <li>Exceptions on annual audits reworded for better clarity. No change in requirements.</li> <li>Clarification on repacking in bulk stages added.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Onsite inspection protocols reworded for better clarity. No change in requirements.</li> <li>Interpretation and requirements on inspection of ginning units added.</li> </ul>
GOTS	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory accreditation clarified.</li> </ul>
Manual	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested Testing Parameters and Matrices added for guidance only. Certifiers will continue to have their own risk assessment and decide on testing as before. No change in requirements.</li> </ul>
GOTS	Annex A2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements for fibre material components clarified.</li> </ul>
GOTS	Annex A3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements for Colourants clarified.</li> </ul>
GOTS	Annex B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heavy Metal Free definition clarified.</li> <li>Definition "Textiles for babies" added.</li> </ul>
GOTS	Annex C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed, changed where required. Added few abbreviations.</li> </ul>

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