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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 As a non-profit, Global Standard gGmbH strives to charge low fees to support its work, ensuring the continued development of the organisation and its Standards.
- 1.2 This document outlines the fees associated with certification to the standards operated by Global Standard, as approved by the Global Standard management. These fees support the continued development and delivery of the standards, as well as the fees related to the use of the Global Trace-Base (GTB) platform, which contribute to its ongoing maintenance and development.
- 1.3 Global Standard gGmbH reserves the right to modify these fees with prior notice.

## 2 Fees for Certified Entities and Certification Bodies

### 2.1 Entity Annual Fees

- 2.1.1 Each Certified Entity shall pay an Annual Fee to Global Standard based on the number of facilities inspected for a Voluntary Sustainability Standard owned by Global Standard, irrespective of whether the facility is ultimately certified.
- 2.1.2 All facilities<sup>1</sup> listed in the Facility and Non-Certified Subcontractor Appendix of the Scope Certificate shall be subject to an Annual Fee.
- 2.1.3 If a Certified Entity is listed as a subcontractor on another Scope Certificate (under the “independently certified sub-contractor” appendix) and is inspected by another Approved Certification Body as a part of its risk assessment, the concerned Annual Fee shall be payable to Global Standard only once for such a facility, through its own Certification Body.
- 2.1.4 All Scope Certificate holders, irrespective of whether this location has any textile processing or not, shall pay the Entity Annual Fees. Fees shall therefore be payable for administrative, marketing, accounting offices, etc., should they be the primary Scope Certificate holders, in addition to their facilities.
- 2.1.5 Entity Annual Fees shall be collected by the Approved Certification Body and transferred to the Global Standard quarterly as per the prevailing invoicing procedures of Global Standard. The “valid from date” (also known as “anniversary date”) of the Scope Certificate minus one day shall serve as the reference date for issuing the invoice for the respective quarter.
- 2.1.6 A Certified Entity which resigns and reapplies certification in the following year is required to pay the applicable Annual Fees for both years.

<sup>1</sup> Facilities may be operational or non-operational. These may include production units, warehouses, sales / marketing offices or facilitation centers.



- 2.1.7 Certification Body invoices that are sent to their clients shall include the phrase “payable to Global Standard” in parentheses to distinguish this item from any other fees payable to the Certification Body.
- 2.1.8 A Certified Entity that migrates to a new Certification Body during the current period of the Scope Certificate (Anniversary Date shall be retained) shall pay the applicable Annual Fee only once for that period. The new Certification Body shall only collect the Annual Fee if not already collected and transferred to Global Standard by the previous Certification Body.

## 2.2 Certification Body Annual Fees

- 2.2.1 The Approved Certification Body shall pay a Certification Body Annual Fee to Global Standard based on the number of facilities inspected for a Voluntary Sustainability Standard owned by Global Standard, irrespective of whether the facility is ultimately certified. All facilities listed in the Facility and Non-Certified Subcontractor Appendix of the Scope Certificate shall be subject to the Certification Body Annual Fee.
- 2.2.2 If a Certified Entity is listed as a subcontractor on another Scope Certificate (under the “independently certified sub-contractor” appendix) and is inspected additionally by another Approved Certification Body as a part of its risk assessment, the Certification Body Annual Fee shall be payable only once.
- 2.2.3 Certification Body Annual Fees shall be paid based on the number of all Scope Certificates issued, irrespective of whether the location has any textile processing or not. Certification Body Annual Fees shall therefore be payable for administrative, marketing, accounting offices, etc., should they be the primary Scope Certificate holders, in addition to their facilities.
- 2.2.4 Certification Body Annual Fees shall be transferred to the Global Standard quarterly, as per the prevailing invoicing procedures of Global Standard. The “valid from date” (also known as “anniversary date”) of the Scope Certificate minus one day shall serve as the reference date for issuing the invoice for the respective quarter.
- 2.2.5 Where a Certified Entity resigns and reapplies for certification in the following year, the Certification Body Annual Fees shall be payable for both years, regardless of whether the Certification Body remains the same or changes.

## 3 Annual Fees<sup>2</sup> for the Approval of Chemical Inputs and Accessories

- 3.1.1 Each holder of a Letter of Approval (LoA) shall pay an Approval Annual Fee<sup>3</sup> based on the number of Chemical Inputs or Accessories listed in the LoA Table (s) (see *Procedure and Template for Issuing Letters of Approval*).

<sup>2</sup> The formerly charged Additives Registration Fees have now been subsumed within a consolidated flat annual fee.

<sup>3</sup> The Letter of Approval (LoA) shall be valid for one year from the date of approval (irrespective of the calendar year).



- 3.1.2 Payment of the Approval Annual Fees shall permit the holder of the LoA to use the GOTS Signs under conditions described in CUS-GOTS.
- 3.1.3 The Approval Annual Fee shall be collected by the Scope 4 Certification Body and transferred to the Global Standard quarterly, as per the current invoicing system operated by Global Standard
- 3.1.4 The trigger for invoicing the Approval Annual Fee shall be the quarter in which the LoA is issued. The annual minimum fee per input supplier shall be calculated and invoiced once per year, consistently aligned with the invoice for the fourth quarter.
- 3.1.5 Certification Body invoices that are sent out to their clients shall include the phrase “payable to Global Standard” in parentheses to distinguish this item from any other fees payable to the Approved Certification Body.

## 4 GTB Fees

### 4.1 GTB Scope Certificate Fee

- 4.1.1 Certification Bodies shall pay a GTB Scope Certificate Fee per issued Scope Certificate for a Voluntary Sustainability Standard owned by Global Standard.
- 4.1.2 The GTB Scope Certificate Fee shall be applicable for each Scope Certificate issued by Certification Bodies since it was run through the system, even if it is later cancelled or invalidated (withdrawal). No additional fees shall be payable for modification/revision of valid Scope Certificates. For the conditions and procedures relating to the modification of Scope Certificates (SCs), please refer to the document “Procedure for the Issuance of Scope Certificate”.
- 4.1.3 The GTB Scope Certificate Fee shall be transferred to the Global Standard monthly, with the applicable month determined by the submission date of the Scope Certificate, as per the current invoicing system operated by Global Standard. Each Scope Certificate shall be assigned to the calendar month in which it was submitted, and charges shall be calculated accordingly.

### 4.2 GTB Transaction Certificate Fee

- 4.2.1 Certification Bodies shall pay a GTB Transaction Certificate Fee per issued Transaction Certificate.
- 4.2.2 The GTB Transaction Certificate Fee shall apply for each Transaction Certificate issued by Certification Bodies since it was run through the system, even if it is later cancelled or invalidated (withdrawal). No additional fees shall be payable for the modification/revision of a Transaction Certificate. For the conditions and procedures relating to the modification or revision of Transaction Certificates (TCs), please refer to the document “Procedure for the Issuance of Transaction Certificate”.
- 4.2.3 The GTB Transaction Certificate Fee shall be transferred to the Global Standard monthly, with the applicable month determined by the submittal date of the Transaction Certificate, as per the current invoicing system operated by Global Standard. Each



Transaction Certificate shall be assigned to the calendar month in which it was submitted, and charges shall be calculated accordingly.

## 5 Overview of Fees

| Fee  | Amount   | Payment due |
|--|--|-------------|
| Entity Annual Fee for GOTS   | € 180  | quarterly   |
| Entity Annual Fee for GRTS   | € 450  | quarterly   |
| Certification Body Annual Fee <sup>4</sup> per Standard                | € 50   | quarterly   |
| Annual Fee for the Approval of Chemical Input and Accessories per item | € 30<br>(subject to a minimum fee of € 150 per supplier) | quarterly   |
| GTB SC Fee per issued Scope Certificate                                | € 15   | monthly     |
| GTB TC Fee per issued Transaction Certificate                          | € 3  | monthly     |

## 6 Additional

- 6.1 All fees are exclusive of applicable taxes, bank transfer or exchange charges, which shall always be borne by Certification Bodies.
- 6.2 Late payments by Certification Bodies shall be subject to 10.27 % interest<sup>5</sup> on late charges in accordance with Article 288 para. 2 of the German Civil Code (BGB).
- 6.3 Global Standard reserves the right to request relevant audits of Certification Bodies and/or official financial declarations/statements, through chartered accountants, concerning reported numbers and fee collection, should there be any dispute or just cause regarding the same.

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<sup>4</sup> The Certification Body Annual Fee is calculated individually for each Standard. As an example, for an Entity that been certified for both GOTS and GRTS, the fee shall be calculated separately and specifically based on the number of facilities listed in the two individual Scope Certificates (refer to 2.2).

<sup>5</sup> Or corresponding updated value, if modified in the BGB,