GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD
ECOLOGY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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.

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<th>Current Section of the TC policy</th>
<th>Type of Change</th>
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<th>Updated Clause</th>
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<td>3.2.9.5</td>
<td>Reworded for clarity</td>
<td>“The invoice numbers…”</td>
<td>“The seller’s invoice numbers…”</td>
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<td>3.2.9.6</td>
<td>Further clarifications shall be included in the policy</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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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