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THIS CHANGELOG LISTS THE MAJOR CHANGES MADE FROM
GOTS VERSION 7.0 TO VERSION 8.0

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GOTS 7.0 Section reference	GOTS 8.0 Section Reference	RELEVANT CHANGE(S)
p. i	p. i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text updated to reflect latest versions of documents and timeline for revision Global Standard Vision and Mission have been updated.
Table of Contents	Table of Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Table of Contents has been updated.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The list of Tables has been updated with relevant page numbers.
1.3	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference Documents listing has been updated to include 1.3.12, GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities, providing GOTS Certified Entities with detailed guidance on integrating due diligence in line with the GOTS Due Diligence criteria and 1.3.13, Procedure for the Certification of Small-Scale Operators in Low-Risk Countries.
1.3.2	1.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the subsection titled “Manual for the Implementation of GOTS” the word “Approved” has been added in front of certifiers for clarity.
1.3.3	1.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been re-titled “Conditions for the Use of Signs – GOTS” to ensure alignment with GRTS’ upcoming
1.3.4	1.3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syntax has been corrected, adding the word “the” in front of “labelling of GOTS Goods.”
1.3.5	1.3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syntax has been corrected, adding the word “the” in front of “labelling of GOTS Additives.”
2.1.1	2.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been edited for consistency and clarity. The parentheses statement under the following subsection has been modified from “(crop or animal production)” to “(crop and/or animal fibres).”
2.1.3	2.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.1.3, covering details of allowed organic fibres, has been rephrased for greater clarity.
-	2.1.6 2.1.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsections added to further clarify requirements of incoming certified fibre materials including the mandatory use of the Global Fibre Registry for traceability.
2.2.1	2.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wording regarding Certification and Auditing has been changed for greater clarity: “...and traders of intermediary and finished GOTS Good shall be GOTS Certified Entities.”
2.2.5 & 2.2.6	2.2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.2.5 & 2.2.6 in GOTS 7.0 has been merged to list all certification exemptions (2.2.5.1, 2.2.5.2, 2.2.5.3) defined and expanded to introduce further exemption for specific entities now also including the Controlled Supply Chain Scheme (CSCS) for small scale operators in low-risk countries in 2.2.5.1..
2.2.8	2.2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.2.8 is now under 2.2.7. Scope 1 has been redefined to include the approval of accessories: “Certification and mechanical textile processing and manufacturing operations and their products and approval of accessories.”



2.2.8	2.2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.2.8 GOTS 7.0 is now subsection 2.2.7 as a result of the subsections under 2.2.
2.5.1 *	2.5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The listing after the statement under 2.5.1, “All operational procedures and practices shall be supported by effective documented control systems and records that enable to trace:”
2.5.8	2.5.8 & 2.5.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.8 in GOTS 7.0 has been expanded to provide further clarity in GOTS 8.0, with the following statements in - 2.5.8 and 2.5.9: “Raw organic fibres handled by traders and being received by GOTS first processors shall be clearly identified as such physically and on all corresponding invoices and transport documents. “Any GOTS Goods shall clearly be identified as such on all corresponding invoices all through the value chain.”
2.5.9	2.5.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.9 in GOTS 7.0 is now 2.5.10.
2.5.10	2.5.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.10 is now under 2.5.11, and in line with recent changes, the end of the sentence has been rephrased in the following manner: “... is and as required by Global Standard.”
2.6.1	2.6.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first part of subsection 2.6.1.1 has been rephrased in the following manner: “All raw organic and organic in-conversion textile fibres and GOTS Goods shall...” Deleting the wording Organic textile products.
2.6.1.2	2.6.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For clarification and consistency, the paragraph has been rephrased in the following manner: “Certified Entities shall establish a system of segregation to prevent organic and organic in conversion textile fibres and GOTS Goods from being commingled...”
2.6.1.3	2.6.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For clarification and consistency, the paragraph has been rephrased in the following manner: “All raw organic and organic in-conversion textile fibres and GOTS goods...”
2.6.1.5	2.6.1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wording of 2.6.1.5 GOTS 7.0 has been modified by adding “... organic production standard and GOTS residue limits...”
2.6.2.1	2.6.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been rephrased for clarity: “Final GOTS Goods with complete GOTS labelling can be stored and transported together with conventional products of similar type ensuring no risk of product substitution and of chemical contamination.”
2.6.2.2	2.6.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been rephrased for clarity: “The single use of virgin plastic hangers in retail packaging of final GOTS Goods is prohibited. Recycled and biodegradable plastic hangers may be used.
2.6.2.6	2.6.2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been reformatted in line with other changes for clarity and consistency.
2.7.1 2.7.2 2.7.3 2.7.4	2.7.1 2.7.2 2.7.3.1 2.7.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All these subsections have been changed and restructured in the following manner: 2.7.1 now states: “Only those textile goods (finished or intermediate) or combined products produced by a Certified Entity in compliance with the Standard and certified by an Approved Certifier can be labelled, represented, advertised, or sold as GOTS Goods. 2.7.2 now states: “GOTS labelling can only be applied to the product and/or packaging by a Certified Entity and shall have been approved by the Certified Entity's Approved Certifier in advance of its application.” 2.7.3 now states: “GOTS Signs are the registered trademarks by Global Standard gGmbH which are:” Two new subsections have been added, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wordmark terms/lettering: “Global Organic Textile Standard” and “GOTS”



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Logo: the garment symbol and the circle element • A template picture of the logo has been added
N/A	2.7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new paragraph has been added and is now under subsection 2.7.4 GOTS 8.0. • The subsection has been rephrased as follows for better clarity and recent developments: “Global Organic Textile Standard provides label grades based on the minimum required percentage of certified fibre content and the organic status.”
2.7.5 2.7.6	2.7.4.1 2.7.4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsections 2.7.5, and 2.7.6 GOTS 7.0, have been relocated and reformulated under 2 new subsections, namely: • 2.7.4.1 For products with no less than 95% (≥95%) of the same certified fibre content (excluding Accessories), “Organic” or “Organic in-conversion” shall be used. • 2.7.4.2 For products with no less than 70% (≥70%) of the same certified fibre content (excluding Accessories), “Made with (x%) organic materials” or “Made with (x%) organic in-conversion materials”
2.7.5	2.7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters covered under 4.4.7 GOTS 7.0 have been rephrased and modified for consistency and in line with recent developments. • They are now under 4.7.5, with the following paragraph: “Labelling products as “organic in-conversion” is only possible if the organic standard, on which the certification of the fibre production is based, permits such labelling for the fibre in question.”
2.7.6	2.7.6 2.7.6.1 2.7.6.2 2.7.6.3 2.7.6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As mentioned above, 2.7.6 GOTS 7.0 has been rephrased and moved under 2.7.4.2. GOTS 8.0 • Subsection 2.7.6 GOTS 8.0 on labelling has been restructured from previous labelling requirements, and added four subsections: 2.7.6.1, 2.7.6.2, 2.7.6.3, and 2.7.6.4.
2.7.7 2.7.8 2.7.9	2.7.7 2.7.8 2.7.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsections 2.7.7 to 2.7.9 have been entirely reformulated, providing more thorough specifications and requirements on GOTS labelling as outlined in the “Conditions for the Use of GOTS Signs.
3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall section has been improved for clarity. • Sections 3.2.1, 3.2.2, and 3.2.7 have been added, providing additional guidance, clarification, and practical examples.
3.2.3	3.2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Table – Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres” has been moved to Subsection 3.2.10 and revised to improve the clarity of the listings. • The entire table has been numbered to facilitate ease of reference. • General rules mentioned in 3.2.3 in version 7.0 has been moved to 3.2.6, 3.2.7, 3.2.8 and 3.2.9. • Subsection “1” has been modified to emphasize the exclusion of non-GMO conventional cotton. • Subsection “7”: Exemptions allowance up to 30% (≤30%) for socks and textile-to-textile recycled fibres has been added .



3.3.1	3.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entire table has been numbered to facilitate ease of reference. • Under the “Table – Allowed and Prohibited Accessories,” the prohibition list has been expanded to include “decorative glitter composed of insoluble and non-biodegradable plastics”, as well as “mulesed wool”. • “B. Linings for apparel” have been categorised separately from “general materials,” and the following requirement has been introduced: “Textile fibre blends shall contain a minimum of 70% certified organic or organic in-conversion fibres. Any additional fibres used shall be limited to those permitted under Section 3.2.10. “Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres.” In addition, the lining under “general materials” has been indicated specifically for “non-apparel”. • “C. Filling and stuffing” (1), “Textile fibre blends shall contain a minimum of 70% certified organic or organic in-conversion fibres. Any additional fibres used shall be limited to those permitted under Section 3.2.10, Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres. “ • “D. Supports and frames” (2), reworded to state standard language “shall” in place of “is not permitted”.
4.1.1	4.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsection 4.1.1, under Due Diligence Management Process, has been slightly rephrased for syntax and grammatical purposes. • The GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities has been added to the list of most relevant documents hyperlinked.
4.1.4	4.1.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For better alignment purposes with the OECD and clarity on requirements for Certified Entities, the following requirement has been added: “The Policy on Responsible Business Conduct shall articulate the Certified Entity’s expectations for business partners to conduct due diligence on the most significant risks.”
4.1.5	4.1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsection 4.1.5 has been slightly rephrased for clarity.
	4.1.6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A requirement has been added to better align with the OECD guidance. The additional requirement is the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4.1.6 The Certified Entity shall establish a functional information management system to retain accurate and up-to-date information necessary for its due diligence.
4.1.7	4.1.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsection 4.1.7 GOTS 7.0 is now under subsection 4.1.8 GOTS 8.0
	4.1.9 4.1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new subsections have been added to strengthen the due diligence requirements for Certified Entities and include a reference to the GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities. These two additional requirements are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4.1.9 The Certified Entity shall consider known sector and subsector risks and factors that may increase these risks in its own operations and supply chain. The Certified Entity shall identify and prioritise the most significant risks in its own operations and supply chain based on their likelihood and severity of harm, for appropriate action. ▪ 4.1.10 The Certified Entity shall follow guidance and interpretations provided in the GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities.



	4.1.11 4.1.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new subsections have been added to strengthen the due diligence requirements for Certified Entities and include two new requirements on internal audits. These two additional requirements are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1.11 The Certified Entity shall establish and maintain a documented internal audit system to systematically assess the implementation, adequacy, and effectiveness of their management systems in ensuring compliance with all applicable GOTS criteria. The internal audit system shall provide objective assurance and support continual improvement of the Certified Entity's due diligence process and compliance framework. Records of internal audits shall be retained and made accessible in accordance with applicable conformity assessment and verification requirements. 4.1.12 The Certified Entity shall ensure that internal auditors are competent and independent of the activities they assess. The internal audit programme shall be risk-based and planned to ensure that all GOTS-relevant operations and processes are assessed at regular intervals. The audit frequency shall be defined, and each relevant process shall be audited at least annually.
4.2	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection title has been changed from "Chemical Input Criteria" to "Textile Processing Criteria" All requirements and criteria relevant to chemical inputs and chemical formulators have been removed from Section 4.2 and consolidated into a new Section 7 in Version 8.0, in order to clearly and appropriately address the GOTS MRSL requirements and the GOTS approval programme for chemical formulators and chemical products.
4.2.6.2	4.2.2.2	<p>Spinning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A specific exemption has been granted for the controlled use of polyvinyl alcohol (PVA). Technical conditions are set out in the concerned section.
4.2.6.6 4.2.6.7.	4.2.2.6 4.2.2.7.	<p>Dyeing & Printing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terminology has been revised for clarity throughout the document: the term "<i>Dyes (disperse) classified as allergenic</i>" has been replaced with "<i>Dyes with allergenic potential (e.g. some disperse dyes).</i>" Terminology has been revised for clarity throughout the document: the term "<i>Permanent AOX</i>" has been replaced with "<i>Non-hydrolysable Halogens.</i>"
4.2.6.8	4.2.2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity has been improved through addition of "PFAS for oil, water, and stain repellency".
4.3.1.1	4.3.2 4.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3.1.1 under GOTS 7.0 has been separately rephrased and relocated under 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 in GOTS 8.0
4.3.1.2	4.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3.1.2 under GOTS 7.0 has been relocated under 4.3.1 and clarified as follows: "This Policy shall include plans for Resource Efficiency (Section 4.3.9), Air Emissions (Section 4.3.10), GHG Emissions (Section 4.3.11), Waste Management (Section 4.3.12), Wastewater Management (Section 4.3.13), Textile Waste Management (Section 4.3.14). Detailed requirements are set out in Section 4.3.5 and each individual section."
4.3.1.3	4.3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3.1.3 under GOTS 7.0 has been rephrased and relocated and further clarified under 4.3.5 in GOTS 8.0.



4.3.1.6	4.3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.3.1.6 under GOTS 7.0 has been relocated under 4.3.7 in GOTS 8.0.
4.3	4.3.9 4.3.10 4.3.11 4.3.12 4.3.13 4.3.14 4.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Criteria section has been detailed by elaborated sections to cover crucial topics separately. The section and subsections have been restructured and rephrased for clarification as in the following: • 4.3.9 “Resource Efficiency: Water, Energy and Chemical Use” has been added. • 4.3.10 “Air Emissions” has been added. • 4.3.11 “Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Management” has been added. • 4.3.12 “Waste Management” has been added restructured and rephrased for clarifications, updates and consistency. • 4.3.13 “Wastewater Management” (section 4.3.2 in GOTS 7.0) has been expanded, restructured, and rephrased for clarity. Various types of wastewater discharge set ups are now listed. • In section 4.3.13.11, “Microfibre Management at Processors” has been addressed as part of wastewater management, requiring processors to consider microfibre release using a risk-assessment approach. • A new subsection 4.3.14 “Textile Waste Management” has been added. • A new subsection, 4.3.15 “Packaging Criteria,” has been added. Relevant packaging requirements previously included in Version 7.0 have been consolidated under this section. In addition, new categorisations for “primary packaging” and “secondary packaging” have been introduced, together with the corresponding new requirements as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.3.15.1 Certified Entities shall record information on all packaging materials used for certified products. • 4.3.15.3.4 Where plastic packaging is used, Certified Entities should maximise the use of post-consumer recycled content to the highest technically feasible percentage and should target a minimum of 35% post-consumer recycled content. • 4.3.15.3.7 Oxo-degradable and oxo-fragmentable plastics, including polymers containing pro-oxidant additives intended to accelerate fragmentation, shall not be used. • 4.3.15.3.8 Bioplastic packaging derived from non-GMO biomass sources may be used, provided it is certified or verified as non-toxic, biodegradable, and compostable (home or industrial, as applicable) • A clarification on the use of hangers for final GOTS Goods has been included in section 4.3.15.3.9.
4.4.6	4.4.6.10 4.4.6.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsection 4.4.6.10 has been modified and subsection 4.4.6.11 has been added as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4.4.6.10 Where the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining is restricted under national law, the Certified Entity shall design appropriate channels to ensure a reasonable and independent exercise of such rights. The Certified Entity shall not hinder the development of independent and free association and bargaining. The Certified Entity shall allow its Workers to freely elect or nominate representatives with whom the Certified Entity can enter into a dialogue on these issues. ▪ 4.4.6.11 The Certified Entity shall implement proactive measures to ensure, as far as possible and without contravening domestic law, compliance with GOTS freedom of association and collective bargaining criteria, even in the absence of equivalent legal obligations in the country of operation.



N/A	4.4.7.15 4.4.7.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new subsections have been added under section 4.4.7 concerning climate change mitigation measures to support workers' well-being as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.4.7.15 Where a risk from extreme weather events has been identified, considering the severity and likelihood of such events, the Certified Entity shall develop and implement emergency response plans. These plans shall address events such as extreme heat, floods, and storms, and shall include procedures for stopping work, evacuating workers to safe areas, and ensuring access to immediate medical care where necessary. 4.4.7.16 The Certified Entities shall use appropriate tools to monitor environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity in work areas. The Certified Entity shall adjust work schedules, determine the need for personal protective equipment and ensure appropriate breaks during extreme weather conditions. These measures shall be reviewed and updated at least annually or more frequently if conditions change significantly.
4.4.7.15	4.4.7.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.4.7.15 under GOTS 7.0 has been relocated under 4.4.7.17 under GOTS 8.0
4.4.8.2	4.4.8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 4.4.8.2 has been rephrased as follows: 4.4.8.2 Wages, benefits and special allowances paid for regular working hours of the standard working week without overtime, meet, at a minimum, national legal standards or industry benchmark standards, whichever is higher. In any event, wages should always be enough to meet basic needs of workers and their families, including discretionary income.
4.4.8.4	4.4.8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wording "[...] promptly and with frequency, as defined by law.[...]" has been added to the first sentence of the requirement for clarity.
4.4.8.7	4.4.8.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "(e.g., social security)" has been added to the first sentence.
4.4.8.9 4.4.8.10	4.4.8.9 4.4.8.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsections have been modified for clarity as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.4.8.9 The Certified Entity shall use a credible 'Living Wages' estimate for their respective operations, on an annual basis. Furthermore, the Certified Entity shall compare Living Wages data with its remuneration data and calculate the 'Living Wage Gap' for its Workers. 4.4.8.10 The Certified Entity shall develop a plan to bridge the 'Living Wage Gap' and to pay the Living Wage to its workers.
4.4.11.2	4.4.11.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been modified for clarity as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.4.11.2 The Certified Entity shall not deprive Migrant Workers of access to their travel documents. The Certified Entity shall ensure that migrant workers are not charged any recruitment or employment-related fees, directly or indirectly. All such costs, including recruitment agency fees, travel, visas, medical checks, and pre-departure training, shall be borne by the employer.



5.	5	The title has been changed to “Product Compliance Criteria”.
5.1	5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entire subsection 5.1 has been rephrased bringing additional explanations, and clarity on the responsibilities of the Certified Entities.
N/A	5.1.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new requirement has been added “5.1.4 Certified Entities shall apply, for products falling under Section 6, “Specific Requirements for Special Products” any additional parameters and stricter limits applicable to the relevant special product category”
5.2.6	5.2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table 7: “Technical Quality Requirements for GOTS Goods” has been structurally improved. The included tests are now organised into three main categories: Fastness, Durability/Robustness, and Other. Under Durability/Robustness test requirements, Spirality and Visual Inspection After Wash have been added, including the applicable minimum compliance limits and corresponding testing methods The Dimensional Stability test instructions have been clarified to explicitly include both ISO 5077 and ISO 3759 testing standards. “Microfibre Shedding / Fibre fragmentation parameter has been included alongside acceptable testing methods “ISO 4484-1/2/3, AATCC TM 212, TMC Test Method.”
5.2.7.2 & 5.2.8.1	5.2.7.2 & 5.2.8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the title: “Arylamines” in v7.0 has been revised to “Arylamines/Amines Update on the title: “Disperse dyes (classified as allergenic or carcinogenic)” in v7.0 has been revised to “ Dyes with allergenic potential (e.g., some disperse dyes) or Carcinogenic Dyes” in v8.0 Footnotes (11, 13) has been added to “allergenic potential” explaining the term as “ Dyes with allergenic potential are defined as those classified as skin sensitisers (H317) and associated with reported cases of allergic contact dermatitis in consumers, such as certain disperse dyes. A list of such disperse dyes can be found in Section 4.2.2.6 & 4.2.2.7 of the Manual for the Implementation of GOTS v8.0.” Added new residue parameter “Bisphenols” with the following limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bisphenol A (BPA): ≤ 10 mg/kg – Bisphenol B, AF, F, and S: ≤ 1000 mg/kg each Added new residue parameter “Flame Retardants.” Applicable limits: total ≤ 50 mg/kg; individual substances ≤ 10 mg/kg each. Testing according to EN ISO 17881-1/-2. pH value limit has been aligned to 4.0 - 7.5 for both of the residue tables. Footnotes (12 & 14) has been added for 'pesticides' parameter, to clarify the definition of shorn wool as follows “ Shorn wool refers to virgin wool sheared from living animals, which is new or in other words non-recycled, ready for the spinning process, and has typically undergone scouring or washing process.” Extractable Heavy Metals note has been reworded as follows “ Extractable heavy metals (in eluate). PFAS limits has been revised to “Each < 25 ppb (µg/kg)” and “Sum < 25 ppb (µg/kg)” . The test method has been updated to “ DIN EN 17681-1:2025. Phthalates: a new limit included “each < 50 mg/kg.” Chlorinated paraffin: “sum < 50 mg/kg” has been demonstrated for each parameter group. Cyclic siloxanes “D4 limit” has been updated from 250 ppm to 1000 ppm. The limit has been clarified to be required for each. “Linear siloxane, L3” has been included.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residue limits for “Chlorinated benzenes & toluenes” has been clarified for sum as: ≤ 1.0 mg/kg (sum) and ≤ 1.0 mg/kg (sum). Styrene <10mg/kg has been included Xylene <1mg/kg has been included.
N/A	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new section has been added, namely 5.3 Circularity of GOTS Goods. This section elaborates on and introduces the conditions applicable to GOTS Goods placed within circular business practices, such as repair, repurposing, or resale. Owners of such GOTS Goods shall comply with the requirements set out in this section if they intend to maintain certified product integrity and reference claims to GOTS.
6.1.2.2	6.1.4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following changes have been made: 6.1.4.2 “Super Absorbing Polymers (SAPs)”: “ADM-type” has been removed and the “5%” limit for water soluble extracts has been revised to “10%”.
6.1.2.4	6.1.4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1.4.5 “Specific Criteria for Tampons” requirements have been improved to strengthen the safety by the inclusion of a new test and residue requirements <i>“Chemical residue testing shall be conducted in accordance with CWA 18062:2023. Chemical residue guidance specified in the corresponding section of the Implementation Manual shall be followed.”</i>
4.2	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All requirements related to the approval of chemical inputs have been relocated from Section 4.2 in v7.0 to a new dedicated Section 7 in v8.0 This restructuring enables a clearer and more effective presentation of GOTS MRSL requirements and the associated obligations for chemical formulators. Terminology has been revised for clarity throughout the Section.
7.2.1.3	7.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The substance group name has been revised to include “wetting agents.” In addition, chemical names are now stated in full as “Alkylphenols (APs) and Alkylphenoethoxylates (APEOs).” 9. The wording has been improved for clarity “...bio-based GMO raw materials” and “...genetically modified plants.” 11. Terminology and categorisation of the subgroup have been revised for clarity. <i>“Dyes (disperse) classified as allergenic”</i> has been replaced with <i>“Dyes and Pigments with Allergenic Potential, Carcinogenic or Equivalent Concern”, “Allergenic potential (e.g. some disperse dyes)”, “Carcinogenic or suspected carcinogenic”</i> 11. The footnote 16) has been added for <i>“Dyes with allergenic potential are defined as those classified as skin sensitisers (H317) and associated with reported cases of allergic contact dermatitis in consumers, such as certain disperse dyes. A list of skin-sensitising (H317) disperse dyes can be found in the corresponding section of the Manual for the Implementation of GOTS.”</i> 12. Section “Aromatic amines and Aniline free” has been reworded for clarity. 14. The term <i>“Permanent AOX”</i> has been replaced with <i>“non-hydrolysable halogens.”</i> The Footnote 17 notes <i>“Formerly referred to as “permanent AOX.”</i>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20.“Linear Siloxane, L3” has been listed as prohibited substance, the contamination limit of 1000 mg/kg has been applied for L3. • 20. “D4 limit” has been updated from 250 mg/kg to 1000 mg/kg. • 22. Reworded from “Microplastics” to “Synthetic Microplastics Polymers (SMP)”
4.2.3.1	7.2.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under subsections “A,5” and “B,3”, Following hazard codes has been included for endocrine disruptor classes “Prohibited hazard statements/risk phrases for Endocrine Disruptor Classes 1 and 2, in accordance with the CLP (classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures) Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: EUH 380 May cause endocrine disruption in human and EUH 381 Suspected of causing endocrine disruption in human.”
4.2.5 & 4.2.4	7.2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entire section has been reworded for improved clarity regarding on-site audit requirements applicable to Chemical Formulators.
7	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessories: addition as follows “Accessories also include trims, and in certain cases the two terms are used interchangeably depending on the specific component.” • Carbon Footprint of a Product/CFP has been included. • Endocrine Disrupter: additions: “one or more”, “populations”, “Adverse effect” means a change in morphology, physiology, growth, development, reproduction or lifespan of an organism, system, population or subpopulation that results in an impairment of functional capacity, an impairment of the capacity to compensate for additional stress or an increase in susceptibility to other influences. Source: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/707.” • Synthetic Microplastics Polymers (SMP): Updated and exemptions have been included as follows “ Following synthetic polymer microparticles, as substances on their own or in mixtures are exempted from the definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) synthetic polymer microparticles which are contained by technical means so that releases to the environment are prevented when used in accordance with the instructions for use during the intended end use; (b) synthetic polymer microparticles the physical properties of which are permanently modified during intended end use in such a way that the polymer no longer falls within the scope of this entry; (c) synthetic polymer microparticles which are permanently incorporated into a solid matrix during intended end use. Source: REACH restriction of synthetic polymer microparticles • Non-hydrolasable halogens: updates to replace the term “permanent AOX” • Followings terms have been newly included: Pre-consumer Waste, Post Consumer Waste, Post Industrial Waste, Primary Packaging, Repair, Repurpose/Repurposing, Reuse, Secondary Packaging and Waste Hierarchy.