Overview of PBG’s Commitment to GOTS
welcome to My organic World
by Marci Zaroff

Marci’s Perspective on Healthy & Sustainable Food, Fashion, Beauty, Business & Life... with Style

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GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD - GOTS

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SUSTAINABLE BRANDS

UNDER THE CANOPY®
style. quality. organic.

CULTIVATE THE FUTURE.
fashion. art. soul. earth.
Portico Brand Group (PBG)

Our mission is to bring an attainable sophistication and design aesthetic to the apparel and home fashion industries with an eco-friendly, socially conscious business foundation. Through creativity, innovation, education and uncompromising environmental awareness, we will excite, inspire and always deliver more than expected.

Our product range includes:

> **Domestics** : bedding and bath fashion linens, basic bedding (down and down alternatives)
> **Personal Care** : multi-sensory spa range and home fragrance
> **Apparel** : women’s contemporary ready to wear fashion, infant to pre-teen, menswear, intimates
> **Hospitality** : bedding and bath linens, basic bedding (down and down alternatives), amenities
Corporate Sustainable Initiative

The Portico Brand Group is making a commitment to ourselves and our world to be environmentally conscious—using natural, recyclable, renewable, biodegradable, sustainable and organic materials whenever, wherever possible. From product to packaging, uncompromising environmental awareness is addressed at a time when it has become increasingly important to step up our responsibility and do what is right. Responsible, low impact manufacturing encourages a healthier planet.

Our Mills:
- Green energy
- Waste management programs
- Plant + water harvesting
- Air quality programs
- Energy conservation programs
- Water conservation programs

Our Dye-houses (Huntsman, DyStar):
- Econfidence programs
- Green Imperon Pigment Preparations
- REACH Guidelines (research development)
- Waste reduction programs
- Plan for future sustainability
PBG’s Commitment to GOTS

All of our products represent the highest sustainability standards as the cotton is certified organic cotton and the processing is certified to the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), which prohibits the use of toxic chemicals from farm to finish product.

The Global Organic Textile Standard is the only credible source for organic textiles that addresses both environmental and social issues. It has become a natural fit for PBG allowing us to sleep soundly knowing that we have done everything necessary to ensure that from farm to finish, our products are made to the highest sustainable standards.
PBG Requirements

To ensure all products comply with GOTS, the PBG requires the following from our suppliers on an annual basis:

> A completed vendor questionnaire

> Transaction Certificates for all production processes that are outsourced

> Submission of Scope / Operational Certifications (GOTS, NOP)

> Supplier is listed as a certified entity in the GOTS public database
II. FIBERS/PRODUCT TYPE
What fibers does your facility currently use in manufacturing (i.e. Natural plant fibers, natural animal fibers, synthetic fibers from oil or natural gas, or cellulose fibers)?

What is the geographic origin of your fibers? This information will help us to assess the ethical and environmental concerns in that specific area.

What types of products does your facility primarily manufacture?
TOWELS ______ ROBES ______ BATH RUGS ______ BEDDING ______ BLANKETS ______ OTHER ______

III. DYING/FINISHING
How are the fabrics and/or garments dyed and finished?

Does your facility use finishes that are free of hazardous chemicals (i.e. Formaldehydes)?

Are the dyeing, printing or tanning methods involved sustainable? To what degree (i.e. Water use, free of harmful chemicals, etc.)?

IV. CERTIFICATIONS
GOTS ______ OEKO-TEX STANDARD 100 ______ SA8000 ______ OTHER ______

If you are a GOTS certified facility, do you provide GOTS traceability certifications per transaction?

The GOTS standard defines the requirements for organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to garment labeling in order to provide a credible assurance to the end consumer.

The OEKO-TEX STANDARD 100 system tests for harmful substances that are prohibited or regulated by law, chemicals that are unknown to be harmful to the health, and other health safeguarding parameters.

SA8000 is a global social accountability standard for decent working conditions. SA8000 covers the following areas of accountability: child labor, forced labor, health and safety, freedom by association and right to collective bargaining, discrimination, discipline, working hours, compensation, and management systems for human resources.
**Transaction Certificates:**

PBG requires Transaction Certificates to ensure that a specific delivery (shipment) of products received by the certified exporter / supplier is GOTS-certified.

This certificate should list the actual products and shipment details.

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**TRANSACTION CERTIFICATE**

FOR DELIVERY OF SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE PRODUCTS (GOTS system)

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<th>2. Standard: Global Organic Textile Standards (GOTS)</th>
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<th>4. Inspection body* (name and address)</th>
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<td>JHUA 3547 TEXTILE CO., LTD.</td>
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<td>Pac-Feng Home Textiles (Hishan) Co., Ltd</td>
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<td>No. 12 West Jiashi Road, Taoyuan Town, Hishan</td>
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| 12. Net mass | 6733.00 kgs |
| 13. Alternative units * | |

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<td>This is to certify that the natural fibre content used for the products designated above has been produced in accordance with an organic production method recognised by the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) and that the products have been processed in accordance with GOTS. Compliance with these standards is continually monitored by the inspection body mentioned in box 4. This page is only valid together with the signed and stamped Annex.</td>
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<th>16. Place and date of issue</th>
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Name and signature of authorised person
On behalf of Managing Director

Linx, Mr. W (Wang)

*Explanatory notes

Box 4: The inspection and certification body for compliance with the rules on organic production methods.

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Box 6: The inspection and certification body for compliance with the rules on organic production methods.

Box 7: The address of the firm where the batch will be delivered, if different from the address in box 7.

Box 12: e.g. volume in meters, to be given, where appropriate, in supplement to the declarations in boxes 11 and 12.
Scope / Operational Certificates:

PBG requires Scope / Operational Certificates to ensure the supplier is approved by a third party certifier for the processing of fibers from certified organic agriculture in accordance with the GOTS.

This certificate must be issued by a GOTS-approved certifier (Control Union). Certification is valid for one year.
GOTS Public Database:

PBG requires all suppliers to be listed as a certified entity in the GOTS public database.
