Application Form for Certification Bodies
Applying for accreditation as Global Standards approved certifier

Version 3.0 – October 2026

The 'Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies' version 4 (dated 1 September 2025)[1] as laid down by Global Standards gGmbH is the binding normative document, on which the 'Global Standards accreditation' of applying Certification Bodies is based on.

Applying Certification Bodies shall assure that they have studied, understood and are willing to follow the 'Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies' before sending their application with this application form.

Applications shall be considered only if this application form is completely filled, if the fees are paid, if the requested prerequisites are met and the additional information and declarations are provided.

1. Information on the Applicant	
Legal name and status of Certification Body	
Address	
Legal representative / contact person (position)	/
Tel. / Fax	/
Mail / website	/
☐ A list of all offices and branches of the Certification Body is attached, see annex no or	
☐ The Certification Body has no further offices or branches	
☐ A list of subcontractors to which the Certification Body plans to outsource work relevant to Global Standards certification is attached, see annex no or	
☐ The Certification Body does not plan to outsource work relevant to Global Standards certification to subcontractors	
2. Scopes according to which the applicant seeks Global Standards accreditation	
Accreditation can be applied according to one of, a combination of or all of the following scopes:	
☐ **ONE**: Certification of mechanical textile processing and manufacturing operations and their products	

[1] In all cases, the latest versions of all mentioned Global Standards documents shall apply.

☐ **TWO**: Certification of wet processing and finishing operations and their products

☐ **THREE**: Certification of trading operations and related products

☐ **FOUR**: Approval of textile auxiliary agents (chemical inputs) on positive lists

3. Qualification and declarations

☐ A copy of the applicant's accreditation certificate(s) and a list of ISO 17065 accredited scopes is attached,
see annex no

☐ Declaration (issued on own letterhead and duly signed) that the applicant agrees to the procedure and all requirements of this manual and that he agrees to enter into a formal contract ('Certifier's contract') accordingly if approved is attached, see annex no

☐ A summary presentation of the relevant (textile) professional qualification and experience including a Curriculum Vitae for all designated personnel is attached, see annex no

4. Assignment of Accreditation Body

☐ It is intended to assign the main cooperating partner of the Global Standard sgGmbH for this procedure, **IOAS** (https://ioas.org/), to conduct the GOTS accreditation process or

☐ It is intended to assign the following actual / preferred accreditation body

Legal name and status of Accreditation Body	
Address	
Contact person (position)	
Tel. / Fax	/
Mail / website	/

☐ A confirmation issued by this accreditation body, that it shall follow the given procedures as provided for in the 'Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies' to accredit to the GOTS/ GRTS scope(s) is attached, see annex no

5. Processing Fee

☐ The amount of € 400 plus tax (if applicable) ("Processing Fee") shall be transferred to the bank account of the Global Standard gGmbH (bank: GLS Gemeinschaftsbank eG Stuttgart, address: Eugensplatz 5, 70184 Stuttgart, IBAN DE18430609677012896600, BIC GENODEM1GLS) upon receipt of invoice and the corresponding transfer voucher shall be emailed to Global Standards gGmbH.

5. Application Fee

☐ The amount of € 5000 plus tax (if applicable) ("Application Fee") has been / shall be transferred to the bank account of the Global Standards gGmbH (bank: GLS Gemeinschaftsbank eG Stuttgart, address: Eugensplatz 5, 70184 Stuttgart, IBAN DE18430609677012896600, BIC GENODEM1GLS), upon conclusion of an accreditation

contract with the selected accreditation body, the corresponding transfer voucher is attached, see annex no
6. Further information
Please note down any further information and explanations relevant in the context of your application for Global Standards accreditation':
☐ Questionnaire for Newly Applying Certifiers for Global Standards filled in and attached
7. Authorisation
Please confirm the correctness of these data:

Place	Date	Name and Signature

- Applicants may attach additional pages to this application form if necessary, to provide detailed information.
- Please e-mail the completely filled and duly signed form and all required attachments (signed documents need to be scanned) to: assurance@global-standards.org
- After evaluation of the application documents you shall be informed in due course about acceptance or refusal (incl. reasons for refusal) of your application or if further documents are required in order to complete application. The further accreditation procedure shall be conducted by the agreed accreditation body upon receipt of Global Standards confirmation directly.

Annex to Application Form

Questionnaire for Newly Applying Certifiers for Global Standards

1. When was your company registered? Please attach document.
2. How long is your company in the business of certification?
3. What is the territory you expect to cover for Global Standards (Countries / Regions)
4. Do you have your own inspectors stationed in each of these regions?
5. Have you hired a consultant for your Global Standards application and audit? If yes, please give details.
6. Do you (or have you, in the past) perform inspections for other textile standards? Which one and from which time on?
7. If yes, please list and specify if this arrangement is currently active or inactive.
8. If inactive, when and why did this arrangement cease?
9. Has a former agreement between you and a standard setter been cancelled or have you lost an accreditation in the past? If yes, please give details.
10. Have you worked as a subcontractor on behalf of another approved Global Standards certifier?
11. If yes, please list and specify if this arrangement is currently active or inactive.
12. If inactive, when and why did this arrangement cease?
13. Has such a former agreement been cancelled in the past? If yes, please give details.
14. How many inspections to which standard do you perform currently in a year?
15. How many of these are related to textiles? Specify per standard

16. How many employees do you currently have?
17. How many of these are qualified / trained inspectors?
18. How many of your inspectors are part-time / on consultative basis?
19. How many of your inspectors have specialised training in social aspects?
20. Have any of your inspectors worked for another Global Standards approved certifier before?
21. Will you hire external 'experts' for Global Standards inspection duties?
22. Authorization
Please confirm the correctness of all provided data:

Date	Name and Signature

Notes:

- All correspondence, including this application shall be kept in confidence.
- Any misrepresentation made by the applying party may cause for rejection of the application at any stage, including withdrawal of approval if found necessary by Global Standards gGmbH.
- Global Standards gGmbH reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any cause or reasons for the same.