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Derogation to the Conditions for the Use of Signs – GOTS (CUS-GOTS) Version 4.0

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This derogation addresses the re-evaluation and update of the font used for accompanying labelling information and clarification about the GOTS sign usage.

BACKGROUND:

As per new Conditions for the Use of Signs - GOTS (CUS-GOTS), released on 19 January 2026:

1. SECTION 2.2.4

'There are no specific requirements for the colour used to display the Accompanying Labelling Information (the label grade, the reference to the Approved Certification Body, and the Certification Number of the Certified Entity). However, the Accompanying Labelling Information text shall be:

- Be printed in the same colour, and
- "Frutiger Next Bold" font

2. SECTION 3.1.6 and 3.1.7

'The GOTS Signs shall always be used as specified in Section 2 of this document.

Certified Entities selling GOTS Goods (whether semi-finished or finished) within the supply chain shall ensure that the buyer holds a valid GOTS Scope Certificate, provided the buyer is an entity required to be mandatorily certified (e.g. manufacturer, processor, Trader) in accordance with GOTS criteria.'

UPDATE:

Following expert consultations and reassessment of font availability, the following changes apply as a derogation to the sections mentioned above: -

1. SECTION 2.2.4

'There are no specific requirements for the colour used to display the Accompanying Labelling Information (the label grade, the reference to the Approved Certification Body, and the Certification Number of the Certified Entity). However, the Accompanying Labelling Information text shall be:

- Be printed in the same colour, and
- "Frutiger Next Bold" font or a visually equivalent sans-serif font* with comparable weight and legibility¹.

¹ Open-source fonts such as Inter Bold may be used as visually equivalent alternatives to "Frutiger Next Bold".



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2. SECTION 3.1.6 and 3.1.7

'The GOTS Signs shall always be used as specified in Section 2 of this document. On-product labelling shall comply with Section 4 of this document. Off-product labelling shall comply with Section 5 of this document.

Certified Entities selling GOTS Goods within the supply chain shall ensure that the buyer holds a valid GOTS Scope Certificate, provided the buyer is an entity required to be mandatorily certified (e.g. manufacturer, processor, Trader²) in accordance with GOTS criteria³.'

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

This derogation is effective in accordance with the *Conditions for the Use of Signs – GOTS (CUS-GOTS), Version 4.0*, effective 01 August 2026. The necessary changes will be incorporated into CUS-GOTS during the next revision.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. If you have any further inquiries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact implementation@global-standard.org.

² GOTS requires Traders to obtain certification. However, based on their annual turnover of GOTS-certified goods, a „registration“ is required instead of certification. Traders are exempt from certification provided that their annual turnover from GOTS-certified goods does not exceed €20,000, and that they do not engage in activities such as repacking, relabelling, or any other forms of processing of these GOTS-certified products. However, such traders are required to be registered through a GOTS Approved Certification Body. See Section 3.2 in this document.

³ Section 2.2.1 in GOTS Standard “Processors, manufacturers, and traders of GOTS Goods shall become GOTS Certified Entities.”