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CHANGE LOG

CONDITIONS FOR USE OF SIGNS - GOTS

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This Changelog lists the major changes made from Version 3.1 to
Version 4.0

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SECTIONAL CORRELATION

This change log summarizes key updates, clarifications, and structural changes introduced in Version 4.0 compared to Version 3.1 of the GOTS Labelling Guidance. This document was earlier known as “Conditions for Use of GOTS signs” and is now renamed to “Conditions for Use of Signs – GOTS”.

The Intent of this revision is to improve clarity, alignment with current GOTS requirements, alignment with GTB centralized database and consistent interpretation by Certified Entities and Certification Bodies.

Version 3.1	Version 4.0
1. Objective	Section 1 – Introduction section 1.2 - Objective and Scope
2. Definitions	Section 1.3 – Definitions
3. Labelling Conditions	Section 1.2 – Scope
4. Fees	Fees Structure is captured in a separate document
5. Identification Of GOTS Goods	
5.1 Product Marking / On Product Application of GOTS Signs	Section 4.1 – Requirements for On-Product Application of GOTS Signs
5.2 GOTS Goods that Comply with Requirements as Defined in Section 2.2.1 of GOTS	Section 4.4 – Labelling Examples for On-Product Applications
5.3 GOTS Goods that Comply with Requirements as Defined in Section 2.2.2 of GOTS	Section 4.4 – Labelling Examples for On-Product Applications
5.4 Combined Products with Components That Comply with Requirements as Defined in Section 2.2.1 And 2.2.2 Of GOTS	Section 4.4 – Labelling Examples for On-Product Applications
5.5 GOTS Additives that Have Been Approved by an Approved Certifier	Section 5.5 – Use of GOTS Signs for GOTS Approved Colourants / Textile Auxiliaries / Accessories
5.6 Language Versions of GOTS Label	Section 2 - General Requirements for all Users
6. Summary Requirements for Companies who Sell or Advertise GOTS Goods with GOTS Labelling	Section 3 - User Specific Requirements
7. Identification of GOTS Additives	Section 3.6 - GOTS Approved Colourants / Textile Auxiliaries / Accessories
8. Use of GOTS Signs on Compliance Documents	Section 3.7 – Approved Certification Bodies
9. Use of GOTS Signs on Consumer Focussed Webpages / Market Places / Catalogues / Advertising Materials	Section 5 – Requirements for Off-Product Application of GOTS Signs
10. Other Applications of the GOTS Signs	Section 3 - User Specific Requirements
11. Use of GOTS sign by GOTS Approved Consultants	Section 5.3 - Use of GOTS Signs in Print Media
12. Misuse of the GOTS Signs	Section 1.4 - Legal Compliance and Misuse Penalties
13. Design Specifications	Section 2.2 – Design and Wording Specifications
14. Contacts	On page 1
15. Implementation Date	On page 1
Appendix: Examples Of Correct and Incorrect GOTS Labels	Section 6 – APPENDIX: Examples of correct and incorrect labelling applications

SUMMARY OF REVISION

The revised document has been aligned with the latest GOTS standard terminology and the current certification framework to ensure consistency and accuracy. It provides improved clarity on label types, claims, and mandatory labelling information, supporting correct and uniform interpretation by all users. The guidance has been streamlined to reduce ambiguity and the risk of misinterpretation in practical application. In addition, editorial and structural improvements have been made to enhance overall usability, readability, and ease of navigation.

Section	Changes
1.Introduction 1.1.Background	Section has been newly added for clarity.
1.2. Objective and Scope	Objective and Principles have been reworded for clarity.
1.3. Definitions	Updated with new Terms and Definitions.
1.4. Legal Compliance and Misuse Penalties	Section has been added for clarity and better understanding.
2. General Requirements for all Users 2.1. Accurate and Clear Use of GOTS Signs 2.2. Design and Wording Specifications	Section has been reworded for clear understanding and for specific guidance to Certification Bodies about GOTS Sign.
3. User Specific Requirements	This section has been added for Certification Bodies to identify users and their respective criteria for GOTS sign use. This list of users includes the below - Certified Entities - Registered Traders - Uncertified Entities - Certified Retailers - Uncertified Retailers - GOTS Approved Chemicals and Accessories - Approved Certification Bodies
4. Requirements For On-Product Application Of GOTS Signs	This section has been added for clarity and understanding of On-Product Application of GOTS Goods. This Includes On-Product Application of GOTS Sign in below listed sub sections. - Eligibility For On-Product Labelling Application of GOTS Signs - Authorisation For Application of GOTS Signs On-Product Labelling - Mandatory Labelling for On-Product Applications - Labelling Examples for On-Product Applications - Use Of the GOTS Signs in the GOTS-Certified Supply Chain for Intermediate Products
5. Requirements for Off-Product Application of GOTS Signs	This section has been added for clarity and understanding of Off Product application of GOTS Goods. This Includes Off Product application of GOTS Sign in below listed sub sections. - Use of GOTS Signs on Websites/Online Stores - Use of GOTS Signs in Digital Media - Use of GOTS Signs in Print Media - Use of GOTS Signs in Various Other Media Forms - Use of GOTS Signs for GOTS Approved Colourants / Textile Auxiliaries / Accessories

6. APPENDIX: Examples of Correct and Incorrect Labelling Application.	Section has been added with examples of labelling application.
7. Supplement Documents	Section has been added to guide into supplemental documents which will not be provided separately such as: - Labelling release form – GOTS goods (official PDF file) - Labelling release form – GOTS goods (editable Word file) - Labelling release form – GOTS approved colourants / Textile Auxiliaries / Accessories (official PDF file) - Labelling release form – GOTS approved colourants / Textile Auxiliaries / Accessories (editable Word file) - Change Log - Retailer Declaration for Use of Signs – GOTS 3.1 This shall promote the usage of the latest version of the templates and simplify document management. A guide for accessing attachments is given.

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