

Know what stands behind the GOTS label

GOTS sets environmental and social requirements for textile processing.

GOTS certification provides traceability from the certified organic raw material through the relevant stages of the certified textile value chain, including spinning, weaving and knitting, wet processing, manufacturing, packaging, labelling and trading, through to the final distribution of GOTS-certified textile products.

The GOTS criteria are mandatory. For an end product to carry the GOTS label, the relevant companies in the certified supply chain must meet the GOTS requirements and be independently certified.

GOTS certification – verified requirements along the certified textile supply chain.

Say “yes!” to:

-  Requirements for textile processing
-  Requirements covering working conditions and workers’ rights
-  Social criteria addressing the treatment of workers
-  Certified organic fibre content
-  Requirements covering environmental management and resource use
-  Restrictions on chemical inputs used in textile processing
-  Independent third-party certification
-  A self-financed, non-profit standard

Our vision is a world where all textiles are produced in accordance with the principles of health, ecology, fairness and care to enhance people’s lives and the environment. Organic textiles are an integral part of this holistic approach.

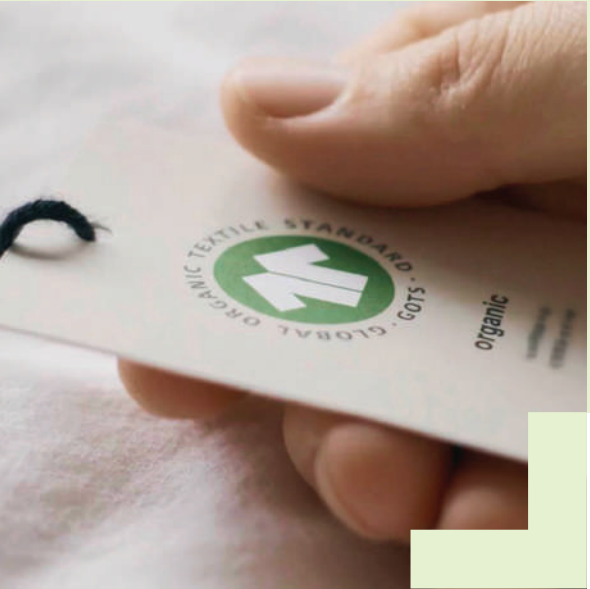


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Benefits of a GOTS certification

The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibres, including environmental, Human Rights and social criteria, backed up by independent certification of the entire textile supply chain.



Use the GOTS Database to search for suppliers of GOTS-certified products!



Find out more about GOTS



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More about GOTS

Independent

- not financed by the textile industry
- certification audits are performed by independent third-party accredited Certification Bodies
- credible assurance of the integrity and transparency of GOTS-certified textiles

Self-Financed

- the annual fee of 180€ per certified facility applies

Non-Profit

At Global Standards all revenue is used for the

- development
 - implementation
 - verification
- protection
 - education
 - promotion

...of our voluntary sustainability standards.



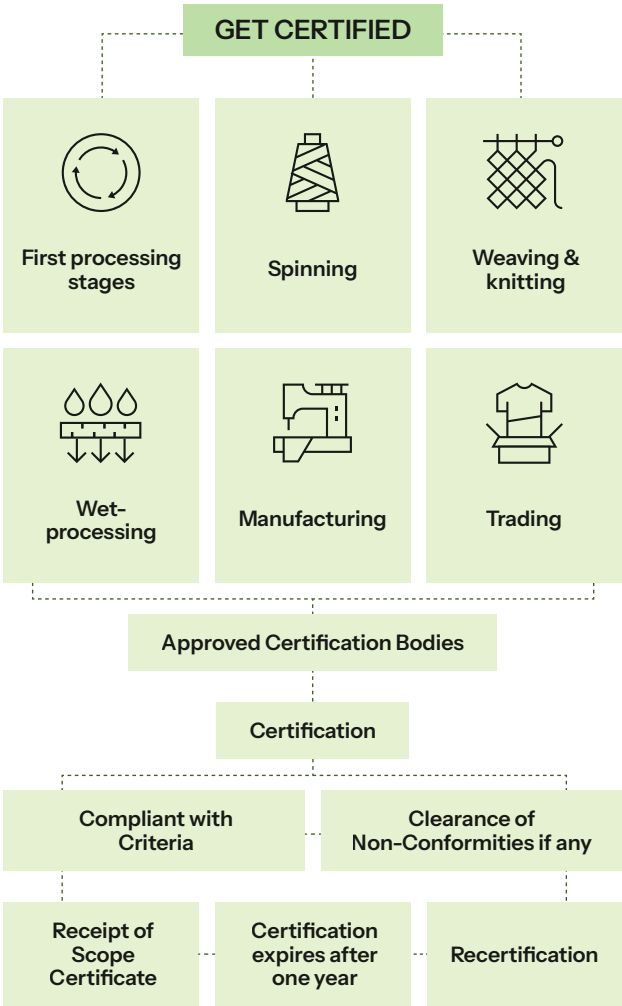
How can my company benefit from being GOTS-certified?

- Defined Requirements –**
GOTS provides environmental and social requirements for certified textile processing that participating companies must meet.
- Independent Verification –**
Independent third-party Certification Bodies verify compliance with applicable GOTS requirements throughout the value chain.
- Traceability –**
Fibre material within the GOTS programme can be traced through the supply chain, from the certified raw material through the relevant stages of textile processing and distribution.
- Certification Programme –**
GOTS brings environmental and social requirements, traceability and independent third-party certification together within one textile certification programme.
- Communicating Certification –**
GOTS-certified companies and products can communicate their certification in accordance with the applicable GOTS requirements for use of the GOTS Signs.

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GOALS

GOTS requirements address environmental and social topics that relate to aspects of all UN Sustainable Development Goals.



A company that wishes to become GOTS-certified works with an independent third-party Certification Body, which performs an initial on-site inspection. To maintain certification, the company undergoes regular audits.

A good first step is to contact your regional representative for more information!

What do others say about GOTS?

“The Standard includes expectations related to all six steps of the OECD Garment Guidance, with a strong degree of alignment across many important elements of the due diligence process, including key concepts.

by OECD (2025), "Alignment assessment of the Global Organic Textile Standard with OECD due diligence standards", OECD Publishing, Paris



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