

Benefits of GOTS chemical approval



Assessment against GOTS chemical input criteria

Chemical products submitted for GOTS approval are assessed against applicable GOTS requirements for chemical inputs used in textile processing. The approval demonstrates that the chemical product has been assessed against the applicable GOTS criteria within the scope of the approval.



Use in GOTS-certified textile processing

GOTS chemical approval identifies chemical inputs that meet the applicable GOTS requirements for use in GOTS-certified textile processing. This enables textile processors and other relevant supply-chain actors to identify chemical products that have been assessed against these requirements.



Requirements for chemical inputs

GOTS sets requirements for chemical inputs used in certified textile processing, including restrictions and prohibitions relating to specified substances. GOTS chemical approval provides a defined framework for assessing chemical products against these applicable requirements.



Differentiation from competitors

Companies can communicate that an approved chemical product has been assessed against the applicable GOTS chemical input criteria. This provides customers with specific information about the product's GOTS approval and the requirements against which it has been assessed.

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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approved inputs and our
environmental criteria



Chemicals in GOTS goods

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.



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GOTS chemical management – requirements at different levels



On chemical product level

Chemical inputs intended for use in the processing of GOTS-certified goods must meet the applicable GOTS requirements and undergo the required assessment and approval before use in the GOTS-certified value chain.



On chemical manufacturers' level

GOTS sets requirements not only for chemical inputs but also for facilities manufacturing GOTS-approved chemical products.

These requirements include environmental and social criteria covering areas such as wastewater and emissions management, as well as measures addressing safety and workers' rights.



On textile producers' level

GOTS Certified Entities producing certified goods must meet the applicable chemical, environmental & social requirements within the scope of their certification. GOTS includes requirements for chemical management, including the management of chemical inputs and outputs.

GOTS also sets requirements relating to wastewater, solid waste and sludge containing chemicals, including applicable treatment and management requirements.



On end-product level

GOTS requires finished goods to undergo applicable product quality control and residue testing against defined GOTS requirements and limit values.

Accessories used in GOTS-certified goods must also meet the applicable GOTS requirements.

How to get chemical inputs approved

Chemical inputs intended for use in GOTS-certified textile processing must be approved in accordance with the applicable GOTS requirements.



1. Application to a GOTS-approved Certifier (Scope 4)



2. Assessment of chemical inputs by the Certifier



3. On-site audit by the Certifier on the chemical formulator's premises



4. Approval of Chemical Inputs via a Letter of Approval



5. Trade names of the approved chemicals are listed on the public GOTS Positive List

What about subcontractors?

According to GOTS Version 8.1, relevant subcontractors associated with chemical inputs on the GOTS Positive List are subject to audit requirements.



Learn more about how to get additives approved!

