

GOTS offers two label grades that textile products can carry: “organic” and “made with organic” signifying a minimum content of 95% and 70% organic fibres, respectively.

The remaining additional fibres used in combination must adhere to strict criteria.

Organic fibres are natural fibres grown without the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers or GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms), in accordance with the principles of organic agriculture. Organic agriculture is a holistic production management system that sustains the health of people, soils and ecosystems.

The cultivation of organic fibres is under the scope of organic farming standards, many of them defined by national governments. For organic fibre production, a certification to the IFOAM Family of Standards for the relevant scope of production is required. The standards approved under the IFOAM family of standards are officially endorsed as organic and include both private and government regulations.

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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Find out more about the fibres in GOTS Goods









Which fibres are allowed 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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Organic plant fibres such as...

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|  | Cotton |  | Kapok |
|  | Jute |  | Flax/ Linen |
|  | Coir |  | Hemp |



Organic animal fibres, such as...

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|  | Wool |  | Cashmere |
|  | Silk |  | Mohair |
|  | Alpaca | | |

Only animal fibres that originate from production systems where animal welfare is respected shall be used.

Mulesed wool is not allowed in GOTS products.

What are “additional fibres”?

Apart from certified organic fibres, GOTS permits only certain materials as “additional fibres” for the remaining balance of the fibre composition.



A quick glance at allowed additional GOTS fibres...

Individually or in combination up to 30%

- ▮ Non-GMO conventional natural vegetable or animal fibres
- ▮ Lyocell or protein-based fibres*
- ▮ Some** recycled synthetic (polymer) fibres
- ▮ PLA fibre from non-GMO biomass sources

Individually or in combination up to 10%

- ▮ Regenerated fibres from non-GMO sources
- ▮ Some** virgin synthetic (polymer) fibres
- ▮ Stainless steel fibres and mineral fibres



Prohibited additional fibres:

- ▮ Conventional Cotton
- ▮ Virgin Polyester
- ▮ Conventional Angora Hair
- ▮ Acrylic
- ▮ Asbestos, Carbon and Silver Fibres
- ▮ Mulesed Wool

* non-GMO and from sustainable sources

** Refer to the GOTS Standard Section 2 for exact details