

Benefits of GOTS chemical approval



Increased market credibility and customer trust

GOTS-approved chemical products are made from non-hazardous substances and do not pose a risk to the environment or human health. In addition, the GOTS chemical approval process ensures that safe working conditions are maintained while manufacturing the chemicals.



Access to new markets

Securing GOTS approval for your chemicals grants access to new markets, while elevating your company's visibility and reputation within the industry. As the demand for organic and sustainable products increases, GOTS approval for your chemical products serves as a powerful tool to penetrate this thriving market. This showcases that your products comply with rigorous environmental and social criteria of GOTS.



Improved chemical safety

GOTS applies a strong system to tackle the issue of controlling and limiting the use of hazardous chemicals. The criteria in place provide not only robust solutions for chemical safety in the processing of textiles but also serve as a risk management tool for the product and the business alike.



Differentiation from competitors

GOTS chemical approval shows commitment to environmental responsibility. It enhances your company's reputation among customers, retailers, and consumers who are increasingly conscious of the environmental and health impacts of chemicals used in textile production.

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 GOTS-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 – assurance on all levels



On chemical product level

Any chemical substance or product intended to be used for the processing of GOTS-certified goods must be assessed and approved by an accredited third-party certifier before its use in the GOTS supply chain.



On chemical manufacturers' level

As a holistic standard, GOTS not only sets criteria for chemical products themselves but also for the facilities in which chemicals are manufactured. Manufacturers of GOTS-approved chemicals must comply with specific environmental and social criteria, including wastewater and emissions management, as well as measures that address safety and workers' rights.



On textile producers' level

Every GOTS Certified Entity that produces certified goods must comply with the chemical, environmental and social criteria set by GOTS.

GOTS-certified entities must have chemical management practices to ensure that chemical inputs and outputs are handled responsibly. Chemical traceability and transparency practices also need to be in place. Wastewater, solid waste, as well as sludge waste containing chemicals are all treated before being released into the environment.



On end-product level

GOTS requires product quality control tests on finished goods to ensure that there are no harmful chemical residues that could potentially bear risks for consumers. In addition, any accessory used on GOTS Goods must comply with specific safety requirements.

How to get chemical inputs approved

Every chemical input intended to be used on textile products need to be mandatorily approved by a GOTS-approved Certifier.



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

Where do my chemical inputs come from?

According to GOTS V. 8.0, chemical inputs on the GOTS Positive List require subcontractors to be audited – thus, the sources of chemical formulators are inspected, as well!



Learn more about how to get additives approved!

