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Global Standards gemeinnützige GmbH is a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in Germany in 2002 for the purpose of administering the Global Organic Textile Standard and the Global Responsible Textile Standard.

Vision

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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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Global Organic Textile Standard ("GOTS") and Global Responsible Textile Standard (GRTS) are voluntary sustainability standards for the processing of certified organic and responsible fibres respectively. Global Standards gGmbH ("Global Standards") is the operating unit for GOTS and GRTS.

1.2 Both standards undergo a revision every 3 years, and this primary activity is undertaken by individually constituted Standards Revision Committees (SRC).

1.3 This document outlines the strategy for achieving stakeholder participation, identifying interest sectors and key stakeholder groups. The stakeholders may represent the industry, NGOs and/or consumers. These stakeholders are selected based on our scope and our defined social, environmental, and economic outcomes.

1.4 For Abbreviations and Definitions of terms used in this document, refer to the Standard Setting Procedure document.

2 SECTORS AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Based on the Standard scope and its desired outcomes, the following sectors and key stakeholder groups within those sectors are identified:

2.1 Organic / Responsible Fibre Production

2.1.1 International standard-setting organisations

2.2 Mechanical Processing Of Textiles

2.2.1 Industry- or sector-specific associations

2.2.2 NGOs

2.3 Textile Wet Processing

2.3.1 Industry or sector-specific associations

2.3.2 NGOs

2.4 Personal Care Products

2.4.1 Domain experts

2.4.2 Industry or sector-specific associations

2.5 Mattresses

2.5.1 Domain experts

2.5.2 Industry or sector-specific associations

2.6 Chemical Inputs (Colourants And Auxiliaries)

2.6.1 Domain experts

2.6.2 Industry sector-specific associations

2.7 Environmental Criteria

2.7.1 Inter-governmental organisations

2.7.2 Environmental NGOs

2.8 Testing Services

2.8.1 Testing laboratories

2.8.2 Proficiency testing organisations

2.9 Social Criteria

2.9.1 Voluntary social standards

2.9.2 Inter-governmental organisations

2.9.3 Trade Unions

2.9.4 Consumer Organisations

2.9.5 Domain Experts

2.10 Ethical Business Behaviour

2.10.1 Consumer Organisations

2.10.2 Trade Unions NGOs

2.10.3 Domain Experts

3 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

Selected international stakeholder organisations shall be invited to participate in the revision process. The invited stakeholders shall be published on the website.

To identify a stakeholder, the following strategic points shall be considered at the beginning of the revision process:

3.1 The potential stakeholder shall be a well-established international organisation.

3.2 Understanding the position of the potential stakeholder among the industry sectors identified in Section 1.3 of this document.

3.3 The level of expertise and expanse of the potential stakeholder in its respective domain.

3.4 The potential stakeholder shall be an interested party to Global Standards, who shall be directly or indirectly affected by its implementation.

3.5 Exploring new alliances that may collaborate with Global Standards to support the standards.

3.6 To Identify and Strategise an Outreach Plan for Underrepresented Groups:

3.6.1 During a forthcoming revision process, a list of unrepresented groups may be made by the Standard Revision Committee and these groups shall be invited to be part of the revision process. Emails shall be sent to these groups, and the requirement made public through the Global Standards newsletter and on the website.

3.6.2 Organisations that are not a part of participating stakeholders list may send in their contributions either directly or through one of the organisations listed in Section 5 of this document.

3.6.3 Stakeholder's participation documents as well as potential stakeholders shall be stored within a suitable Database with Global Standards.

4 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

To enhance engagement from varied interest groups in the standard revision procedure, Global Standards shall

4.1 Re-establish contact with participating stakeholders to ensure their participation in the next revision process.

4.2 Request participating stakeholders to recommend potential stakeholders for the upcoming revision process.

4.3 Actively seek expression of interest from new organisations within the interest sectors via the Global Standards newsletter and other available means.

4.4 The procedure and planned timetable shall be introduced to participating stakeholders and published on the Global Standards website.

4.5 Global Standards may conduct public surveys and /or webinars.

Annex B : Representative Stakeholder List For Global Standards

- Clean Clothes Campaign
- Consumers International
- Cradle to Cradle (C2C)
- Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigments
- EURATEX
- Fair Labor Association
- Fair World Project
- Fairtrade International
- Fairwear Foundation
- Fairwild Foundation
- Greenpeace International
- IndustriAll
- International Apparel Federation
- International Cotton Association
- International Council of Chemical Associations
- International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements
- International Labour Organisation
- International Textile Manufacturers Association
- International Wool Textile Organisation
- TEGEWA
- Textil- und Bekleidungsverband Nordwest
- Textile Exchange
- The Nordic Swan Ecolabel
- Transparency International
- Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
- Social Accountability International
- Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production

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