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<p>4.1.1(i), p.17; 4.1.1(ii), pp.18 -19; 4.1.1(iii), p.20, 4.1.1(iv), p.21; 4.1.1(vi), pp.22-23; 4.1.6, p.24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a comprehensive review and expert consultation process, several sections have been updated. Specifically, recommendations previously indicated by the term "should" have been revised to mandatory requirements, now indicated by "shall." These changes align the standard more closely with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance, including the sector-specific OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct in the Garment and Footwear Sector.
<p>4.1.1(i), p.17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the section on <i>Adopting and Updating the Policy</i>, further clarification has been provided regarding section 4.1.1 of the Standard. A new requirement has been introduced: "The Certified Entity's Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) policy shall be tailored and adapted to its most significant risks."
<p>4.1.1(i), p.17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Guidance to section 4.1.1(i) of the Global Standard, the final sentence has been revised to better align with the OECD guidance documents : "The Certified Entity's Policy on Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) shall be approved at the most senior level of the Certified Entity."
<p>4.1.1 (iii) p.20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The title of the separate section titled <i>Guidance for Brands and Retailers</i> has been deleted and is now integrated into the <i>Guidance</i> section. As part of the Certified Entity's obligation to prevent or address harm in its supply chain, the wording of the last bullet point has been revised to: "As long as a Certified Entity has an ongoing relationship with a supplier, it demonstrates its efforts to mitigate the identified adverse impact(s)."
<p>4.1.1(vi) p.23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further elaborating on section 4.1.1, which mandates Certified Entities to enable remediation when appropriate, the Guidance section, point 2, now requires Certified Entities to commit to hearing and addressing complaints raised through legitimate processes (a non-operational-level mechanism). The wording has been changed from



	<p>“GOTS encourages Certified Entities to consult existing guidance on establishing operational grievance mechanisms” to “supply chain grievance mechanisms.”</p>
4.1.6, p.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under the <i>Guidance</i> section, providing further details on the Certified Entity’s obligation to assign oversight of due diligence to senior management and allocate board-level responsibility for implementing the Policy on Responsible Business Conduct, the wording of the last bullet point has been revised for clarity: “The Certified Entity shall allocate sufficient staff time and ensure that those responsible for supply chain due diligence have the necessary skills and expertise to perform their duties effectively.”