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ECOLOGY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CHANGELOG

GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD (GOTS)

VERSION 8.0

THIS CHANGELOG LISTS THE MAJOR CHANGES MADE FROM
GOTS VERSION 7.0 TO THE 1ST REVISION DRAFT OF VERSION 8.0

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GOTS 7.0 Section reference	GOTS 8.0 Section Reference	RELEVANT CHANGE(S)
p. i	p. i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text updated to reflect latest versions of documents and timeline for revision Global Standard Vision and Mission have been updated.
Table of Contents	Table of Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Table of Contents has been updated.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The list of Tables has been updated with relevant page numbers.
1.3	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference Documents listing has been updated to include 1.3.12, GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities, providing GOTS Certified Entities with detailed guidance on integrating due diligence in line with the GOTS Due Diligence criteria and 1.3.13, Procedure for the Certification of Small-Scale Operators in Low-Risk Countries.
2.1.1	2.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been edited for consistency and clarity. The parentheses statement under the following subsection has been modified from “(crop or animal production)” to “(crop and/or animal fibres).”
2.1.3	2.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.1.3, covering details of allowed organic fibres, has been rephrased for greater clarity.
-	2.1.6 2.1.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsections added to further clarify requirements of incoming certified fibre materials including the mandatory use of the Global Fibre Registry for traceability.
2.2.1	2.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wording regarding Certification and Auditing has been changed for greater clarity: “...and traders of intermediary and finished GOTS Good shall be GOTS Certified Entities.”
2.2.5 & 2.2.6	2.2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.2.5 & 2.2.6 in GOTS 7.0 has been merged to list all certification exemptions (2.2.5.1, 2.2.5.2, 2.2.5.3) defined and expanded to introduce further exemption for specific entities now also including the Controlled Supply Chain Scheme (CSCS) for small scale operators in low-risk countries in 2.2.5.1.
2.2.8	2.2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.2.8 is now under 2.2.7. Scope 1 has been redefined to include the approval of accessories: “Certification and mechanical textile processing and manufacturing operations and their products and approval of accessories.”
2.2.8	2.2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 2.2.8 GOTS 7.0 is now subsection 2.2.7 as a result of the subsections under 2.2.
2.5.1 *	2.5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The listing after the statement under 2.5.1, “All operational procedures and practices shall be supported by effective documented control systems and records that enable to trace:”
2.5.8	2.5.8 & 2.5.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.8 in GOTS 7.0 has been expanded to provide further clarity in GOTS 8.0, with the following statements in -2.5.8 and 2.5.9: “Raw organic fibres handled by traders and being received by GOTS first processors shall be clearly identified as such physically and on all corresponding invoices and transport documents. “Any GOTS Goods shall clearly be identified as such on all corresponding invoices all through the value chain.”
2.5.9	2.5.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.9 in GOTS 7.0 is now 2.5.10.



2.5.10	2.5.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5.10 is now under 2.5.11, and in line with recent changes, the end of the sentence has been rephrased in the following manner: "... is and as required by Global Standard."
2.6.1	2.6.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first part of subsection 2.6.1.1 has been rephrased in the following manner: "All raw organic and organic in-conversion textile fibres and GOTS Goods shall..." Deleting the wording Organic textile products.
2.6.1.2	2.6.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For clarification and consistency, the paragraph has been rephrased in the following manner: "Certified Entities shall establish a system of segregation to prevent organic and organic in conversion textile fibres and GOTS Goods from being commingled..."
2.6.1.3	2.6.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For clarification and consistency, the paragraph has been rephrased in the following manner: "All raw organic and organic in-conversion textile fibres and GOTS goods..."
2.6.1.5	2.6.1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wording of 2.6.1.5 GOTS 7.0 has been modified by adding "... organic production standard and GOTS residue limits..."
2.6.2.1	2.6.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been rephrased for clarity: "Final GOTS Goods with complete GOTS labelling can be stored and transported together with conventional products of similar type ensuring no risk of product substitution and of chemical contamination."
2.6.2.2	2.6.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been rephrased for clarity: "The single use of virgin plastic hangers in retail packaging of final GOTS Goods is prohibited. Recycled and biodegradable plastic hangers may be used.
2.6.2.6	2.6.2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection has been reformatted in line with other changes for clarity and consistency.
2.7.1 2.7.2 2.7.3 2.7.4	2.7.1 2.7.2 2.7.3.1 2.7.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All these subsections have been changed and restructured in the following manner: 2.7.1 now states: "Only those textile goods (finished or intermediate) or combined products produced by a Certified Entity in compliance with the Standard and certified by an Approved Certifier can be labelled, represented, advertised, or sold as GOTS Goods. 2.7.2 now states: "GOTS labelling can only be applied to the product and/or packaging by a Certified Entity and shall have been approved by the Certified Entity's Approved Certifier in advance of its application." 2.7.3 now states: "GOTS Signs are the registered trademarks by Global Standard gGmbH which are:" Two new subsections have been added, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wordmark terms/lettering: "Global Organic Textile Standard" and "GOTS" The Logo: the garment symbol and the circle element A template picture of the logo has been added
N/A	2.7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new paragraph has been added and is now under subsection 2.7.4 GOTS 8.0. The subsection has been rephrased as follows for better clarity and recent developments: "Global Organic Textile Standard provides label grades based on the minimum required percentage of certified fibre content and the organic status."
2.7.5 2.7.6	2.7.4.1 2.7.4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsections 2.7.5, and 2.7.6 GOTS 7.0, have been relocated and reformulated under 2 new subsections, namely: 2.7.4.1 For products with no less than 95% ($\geq 95\%$) of the same certified fibre content (excluding Accessories), "Organic" or "Organic in-conversion" shall be used. 2.7.4.2 For products with no less than 70% ($\geq 70\%$) of the same certified fibre content (excluding Accessories), "Made with (x%) organic materials" or "Made with (x%) organic in-conversion materials"
2.7.5	2.7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matters covered under 4.4.7 GOTS 7.0 have been rephrased and modified for consistency and in line with recent developments.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are now under 4.7.5, with the following paragraph: “Labelling products as “organic in-conversion” is only possible if the organic standard, on which the certification of the fibre production is based, permits such labelling for the fibre in question.”
2.7.6	2.7.6 2.7.6.1 2.7.6.2 2.7.6.3 2.7.6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As mentioned above, 2.7.6 GOTS 7.0 has been rephrased and moved under 2.7.4.2. GOTS 8.0 Subsection 2.7.6 GOTS 8.0 on labelling has been restructured from previous labelling requirements, and added four subsections: 2.7.6.1, 2.7.6.2, 2.7.6.3, and 2.7.6.4.
2.7.7 2.7.8 2.7.9	2.7.7 2.7.8 2.7.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsections 2.7.7 to 2.7.9 have been entirely reformulated, providing more thorough specifications and requirements on GOTS labelling as outlined in the “Conditions for the Use of GOTS Signs.
3.2.1	3.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new subsection has been added, placing 3.2.1 GOTS 7.0 now under 3.2.2 GOTS 8.0 3.2.1 now states the following for clarity on Additional Fibre Materials: “GOTS allows certified organic materials to be blended only with explicitly allowed fibre types listed in 3.2.3 at certain rates.”
3.2.2	3.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 3.2.2 is now under subsection 3.2.3, while the phrasing remains the same.
3.2.3	3.2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “TABLE – ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ADDITIONAL FIBRES” is now under subsection 3.2.4
	3.2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new subsection has been added, 3.2.5, to provide further explanation on the Table of allowed and prohibited fibres.
3.2.3	3.2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The introductory text above the Table Title from GOTS 7.0 has been readjusted as a subsection number, and the references are now in the following manner: “Fibre material types accepted for the remaining uncertified balance of the product material composition (max. 5% according to Section Error! Reference source not found. and max. 30% according to Section Error! Reference source not found.)”
3.2.6. Table 1: <i>Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres</i>	3.2.6. Table 2: <i>Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The point 1, under Natural vegetable or animal fibres, regenerated fibres, other, has been modified to add “ (excluding cotton) (virgin, recycled, non-GMO)” for better clarity and consistency and to avoid redundancy.
3.2.6. Table 3: <i>Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres</i>	3.2.6. Table 4: <i>Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The point 1, under Allowed Recycled synthetic (polymer) fibres, the requirements has been modified for clarity: “Derived from pre- or post-consumer waste: only polyester, polyamide, polypropylene, elastomultiester (elasterell-p), polyurethane, and elastane (spandex).” An exemption has been added, namely: “Exemption for socks: up to 30% (≤30%).”
3.2.6. Table 5: <i>Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres</i>	3.2.6. Table 6: <i>Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Regenerated fibres, virgin synthetic (polymer) fibres, other:” has been replaced by: “Manmade cellulosic fibres (MMCFs), virgin synthetic (polymer) fibres, other:” Point 1. has been rephrased with additional explanations by: “Viscose, modal: derived from non-GMO sources and certified organic raw materials or pre- or post-consumer waste or from raw materials certified according to a programme that verifies compliance with sustainable forestry management principles.”



3.2.6. Table 7: Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres	3.2.6. Table 8: Allowed and Prohibited Additional Fibres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The list has been reformatted, placing Mulesed wool in thir in Prohibited fibre types (miscellaneous):
3.3.1, Table 9: Allowed and Prohibited Accessories	3.3.1, Table 10: Allowed and Prohibited Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new accessories have been added to the prohibited list, namely the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Intentionally added microplastics. Decorative accessories with intentionally added synthetic polymer microparticles (e.g. plastic glitter, plastic beads) that holds risks to shed during normal use” This addition has been placed under numbers 1 and 2, adjusting all the numbers in the table up to 9.
4.1.1	4.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 4.1.1, under Due Diligence Management Process, has been slightly rephrased for syntax and grammatical purposes. The GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities has been added to the list of most relevant documents, and it has been hyperlinked.
4.1.4	4.1.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For better alignment purposes with the OECD and clarity on requirements for Certified Entities, the following requirement has been added: “The Policy on Responsible Business Conduct shall articulate the Certified Entity’s expectations for business partners to conduct due diligence on the most significant risks.”
4.1.5	4.1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 4.1.4 has been slightly rephrased for syntax and grammatical purposes.
4.1.6 4.1.7 4.1.8	4.1.6 4.1.7 4.1.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new requirements have been added under two new subsections, placing subsection 4.1.6 GOTS 7.0 now under subsection 4.1.8 GOTS 8.0 to better align with the OECD. These two additional requirements are, namely the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1.6 “The Certified Entity shall establish robust internal quality control systems to consistently assess the effectiveness of the due diligence process within its operations and throughout its supply chains.” 4.1.7 “The Certified Entity shall establish a functional information management system to retain accurate and up-to-date information necessary for its due diligence.”
4.1.7	4.1.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection 4.1.7 GOTS 7.0 is now under subsection 4.1.9 GOTS 8.0
N/A	4.1.10 4.1.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new subsections have been added to further strengthen the due diligence requirements for Certified Entities and include a reference to the GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities. These two additional requirements are, namely the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1.10 The Certified Entity shall consider known sector and subsector risks and factors that may increase these risks in its own activities and supply chain. The Certified Entity shall identify and prioritise the most significant risks in its operations and supply chain based on their likelihood and severity of harm, for appropriate action. 4.1.11 The Certified Entity shall follow guidance and interpretations provided in the GOTS Due Diligence Handbook for Certified Entities.
4.2	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection title has been modified from “CHEMICAL INPUT CRITERIA” to “CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT”
4.2	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new introductory paragraph has been added to provide further clarifications:



		<p>“Chemical input products shall undergo assessment and approval as per GOTS for an enhanced chemical management system. Section 4.2.1 outlines the technical assessment requirements and approval process for chemicals through the issuance of a GOTS Letter of Approval. Sections 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 establish additional requirements for the formulators of chemical products.”</p>
4.2.1	4.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subsection title has been modified from “CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT” to “CHEMICAL INPUT CRITERIA.”
4.2.2.3	4.2.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements for Cyclic siloxanes have been modified to align with the derogation issued by Global Standard. “D4 limit” has been updated from 250 ppm to 1000 ppm as in the following: “D4, D5, D6: Inputs that contain ≥ (0,1%) 1000 mg/kg
4.2.3.1	4.2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Table – Hazards Restrictions in Chemical Inputs concerning the Substance Group – inputs classified with specific hazard statements/risk phrases related to environmental hazards – Prohibited – a new restriction was added under point 2. In accordance with the codification system of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification (GHS) as published by the UN, annex 3: “H413 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.”
4.2.5.3	4.2.5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under subsection 4.2.5.3, the cross-references have been updated for consistency with all new Standard changes.
4.2.6.8	4.2.6.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The point 4 under the Table - Finishing and Manufacturing has been expanded to cover “for oil, water, stain repellency (e.g. impregnation with PFAS)” as prohibited.
4.3	4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Criteria section has been expanded to cover crucial topics separately. The section and subsections have been restructured and rephrased for clarifications, updates and consistency. A new subsection 4.3.7 namely “Water, Chemical, and Energy Usage” has been added. A new subsection 4.3.8 namely “Air Emissions” has been added. A new subsection 4.3.9 namely “Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Management” has been added. A new subsection 4.3.10 namely “Waste Management” has been added restructured and rephrased for clarifications, updates and consistency. Section 4.3.2 Wastewater Management in GOTS 7.0 is now under section 4.3.11. The section has been added restructured and rephrased for clarifications, updates and consistency. A new requirement 4.3.11.13 “Microplastics and microfibre management” has been included as part of the wastewater management activities. A new subsection 4.3.12 namely “Textile Waste Management” has been added.
4.4	4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section numbering has been modified, and several recommendations have been changed to requirements to better align with the OECD guidance documents.
N/A	4.4.7.15 4.4.7.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In line with potential force majeure climate-related issues, two new subsections have been added under OHS about climate mitigation for workers’ well-being.
5.	5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The title has been changed to Product Compliance Criteria. A new introduction paragraph has been added to better align with GOTS’s overall goal.
5.1	5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entire subsection 5.1 has been rephrased bringing additional explanations, requirements and clarity.



N/A	5.1.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new requirement has been added “In the case of Section Error! Reference source not found., “Error! Reference source not found.”, any additional parameters and stricter limits specific to the special product category shall apply.”
5.2.6	5.2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The title of 5.2.6 has been changed to “Quality Performance Parameters“ from “Technical Quality Parameters” Wording in the “dimensional change” has been changed to “...final goods” from “...garment sector”
5.2.7.2 & 5.2.8.1	5.2.7.2 & 5.2.8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the 'pesticides' parameter, footnote 19 has been added to clarify the definition of shorn wool as follows “ Shorn wool refers to virgin wool sheared from living animals, which is new or in other words non-recycled, ready for the spinning process, and has typically undergone scouring or washing process.” Requirements for Cyclic siloxanes have been modified to align with the derogation issued by Global Standard. “D4 limit” has been updated from 250 ppm to 1000 ppm as in the following: “D4, D5, D6: Inputs that contain \geq (0,1%) 1000 mg/kg”
N/A	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new section has been added, namely 5.3 Circularity Principles of GOTS Goods. In this section, GOTS requires further design criteria for final products that integrate circular and eco-design principles.