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CHANGE LOG

GOTS V 7.0

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RELEVANT CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN GOTS ARE LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS AS A PART OF STANDARD REVISION PROCEDURE FROM VERSION 6.0 TO 7.0

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DOCUMENT	SECTION	RELEVANT CHANGE(S)
GOTS	1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section is edited for consistency and clarity.
GOTS	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section is edited for consistency and clarity. New criterion on the supply chain is included. "GOTS Criteria on Responsible Business Conduct, Social Compliance, and Due Diligence Management Systems reflect sector-specific risks of textile supply chains and are designed to enable effective due diligence for GOTS Certified Entities. GOTS requires Certified Entities to implement six steps due diligence process (as defined in GOTS Section 3.15 Responsible Business Conduct, Social Compliance, and Due Diligence Management Systems) concerning issues covered by GOTS Social Criteria, GOTS Environmental Criteria and Ethical Business Behaviour. " The Criterion to conduct due diligence in line with the OECD guidance documents is included and essential criteria of the due diligence process are defined. "GOTS requires Certified Entities to implement due diligence, as provided in OECD guidance documents. Due diligence shall be preventative, dynamic, commensurate with risk (risk-based), informed by meaningful engagement with stakeholders, appropriate to Certified Entity's circumstances, shall involve multiple processes and objectives, ensure on-going communication, can involve risk-based prioritisation and shall not cause a shift of responsibilities." Added for clarity "All GOTS criteria which are applicable to Certified Facilities shall be equally implemented at subcontractors of the Certified Entities, unless otherwise stated. " Added for clarity "the Manual for the Implementation of GOTS provides further implementation related details of GOTS criteria, therefore, constitutes an integral part of the Standard."
GOTS	1.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new section is added "Transaction Certificates (TCs) are the key enablers of traceability and transparency of GOTS supply chain. TCs are issued by GOTS Approved Certifiers in accordance with the Policy for Issuance of Transaction Certificates, after due verification, when GOTS certified goods move along the certified GOTS supply chain. Volume Reconciliation shall be a complementary mechanism to verify claims of GOTS Goods." Volume Reconciliation requirement is included.
GOTS	1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section is edited for consistency and clarity.
GOTS	1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section is updated.
GOTS	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section title is changed to "Ecological and Technical Criteria" from "Criteria"
GOTS	2.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New criterion is included "The use of fibres, which originate from production projects located in high human rights risks areas, may require additional mitigation measures (for example on-site social audits) to ensure that these production projects comply with GOTS Social Criteria."



GOTS	2.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Criterion is included "The use of fibres, which originate from production projects located in high human rights risks areas, may require additional mitigation measures (for example on-site social audits) to ensure that these production projects comply with GOTS Social Criteria. " • Reference section is updated "2.4.10.1"
GOTS	2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent AOX exception is specified by adding "for printing" • The term "PFC" has changed to the term "PFAS" for accuracy • "PFOSA, PTFE" included as examples of prohibited substances under the substance group "PFAS" • New criterion is included under the substance group "cyclic siloxanes" as "D4 is prohibited". D4 is classified as H361 by The EU regulation 2020-1182, amending the EU Reg. 1272/2008 which has become mandatory in EU by March 1st, 2022. • Section is edited structurally and reworded for clarity
GOTS	2.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways" is added as prohibited Classification Codes • "H362 May cause harm to breastfed babies" is added as prohibited Classification Codes • "H373 May cause damage to organs" is added as prohibited Classification Codes • Entire section is edited structurally and reworded for clarity • The Section title is revised for further clarity "Requirements Related to Hazards and Toxicity of Chemical Inputs"
GOTS	2.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section is edited and updated for consistency and clarity.
GOTS	2.3.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New criterion is included "Chemical formulators and their subcontractors (if any) shall implement...Product Stewardship practises". Requirements of this section will also be implemented at subcontractors of the chemical formulators. • New criterion is included "Chemical formulators shall designate suitably trained and authorised personnel towards Product Stewardship responsibilities. Relevant updates and education shall be provided to the concerned personnel regularly."
GOTS	2.3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title is reworded for consistency and clarity. • New criterion is included "Chemical formulators and their subcontractors (if any) shall undergo an on-site audit for environmental management system and safety at their premises". Requirements of this Section will also be implemented at subcontractors of the chemical formulators. • Section is edited and updated for consistency and clarity.
GOTS	2.4 & 2.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section titles are reworded



GOTS	2.4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An exception is included for "mercerization" process "ammonia may be allowed for mercerization of cotton, only if performed in a closed-loop system and only if a minimum of 99% of the ammonia is recycled in such a system." • New terms "...pigments, inks..." are included to the "optical brightening" process
GOTS	2.4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term "pigments" is included under "parameter" • Entire section is edited structurally and reworded for clarity. Criteria are categorized as "allowed" and "prohibited". • New criterion is included for AOX exemption "Specific exception of up to 5% permanent AOX only for yellow, green and violet pigments."
GOTS	2.4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire section is edited structurally and reworded for clarity. Criteria are categorized as "allowed" and "prohibited".
GOTS	2.4.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire section is structurally edited and reworded for clarity. Criteria are categorized as "allowed" and "prohibited". • New criterion is included "Stain removers that meet the basic requirements as set in Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 only."
GOTS	2.4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new section is created as a general rule for machine oils which may come in contact with GOTS Goods during production "Machine oils which may come in contact with GOTS Goods during processing/manufacturing stages, along the GOTS supply chain shall be heavy metal-free. Such machine oils may undergo a voluntary assessment for approval and can be listed in the GOTS Positive List."
GOTS	2.4.10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text has been reworded for clarity by including the word "uncertified" instead of "non-organic". • Added for further clarity "blending organic with organic in-conversion...is not permitted " • Entire section has been edited structurally and reworded for clarity. • The word forestry has been added for clarity "..sustainable forestry management principles" • New requirement has been added: allowed percentage of recycled synthetic (polymer) fibres is reduced to 10% from 30%. • Reworded for further clarity "conventional cotton (virgin, recycled, non-GMO)" as one of prohibited fibre types. • Included among prohibited fibre types "post-consumer recycled organic fibres"
GOTS	2.4.10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Soles in footwear" is included among the "material in general" as an example for application • The word "biotic" is replaced with "biogenic" and the relevant definition is added as a footnote. • Reworded for further clarity "regenerated or synthetic materials" • New criterion is included for the "Non-Slip Floor Covering" category "latex shall be made from certified organic or organic in-conversion latex or from latex certified according to a program that verifies compliance with sustainable forestry management principles." • Criteria for the "Non-Slip Floor Covering" category are reworded for clarity. • Entire section is structurally edited and criteria are enumerated.



<p>GOTS</p>	<p>2.4.11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title has been reworded to also include "chemical management". • Criteria of having a written environmental management policy is revised and extended to also include "a written chemical management policy" as well. • Environmental and chemical management policy content criteria has been reworded to include: responsible person(s) both for environmental and chemical management; target setting for renewable energy use, for reducing energy and water use, for reducing waste and discharges; long and short term project for improvement. • New criteria have been included under environmental and chemical management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Certified Entities shall monitor and measure waste toxicity. There shall be provisions to recycle/dispose of solid waste. ◦ Monitoring of noise pollution, air pollution shall be in accordance with local legal regulations and periodic testing shall be carried out. ◦ Certified Entities shall define a Carbon Footprint Policy that encompasses identification of sources of GHG emissions, as well as monitoring, quantifying and setting measures to reduce GHG emissions. Certified Entities shall initially collect information on sources of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions of their own operations and identify means for reduction for each source. As a long-term plan, Certified entities should include the product-related emissions and supply chain-related emissions into their Carbon Footprint Policy. • Entire section has been linguistically edited for consistency and clarity.
<p>GOTS</p>	<p>2.4.12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term "wastewater treatment plant" has been replaced with "Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)" • ETP related criteria are included "..effective, operational and maintained continuously" • Training criterion is included "training for operation and maintenance of ETP shall be given to the responsible staff." • Entire section is edited for consistency and clarity.
<p>GOTS</p>	<p>2.4.13.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New criterion is included "Synthetic packaging material shall not contain chlorinated plastics (e.g. PVC). The use of plastic packaging materials should be minimised."
<p>GOTS</p>	<p>2.4.13.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Strings of hangtags" is included under the same criteria stated for packaging made out of textile materials
<p>GOTS</p>	<p>2.4.14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The section has been edited linguistically for clarity and consistency.



GOTS	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new test method "AP: ISO 21084:2019" has been included for alkylphenol (ethoxylates) parameter category. • The limit criterion for "aniline, free (MAK III category 4)" is revised to "<20 mg/kg" from "<100 mg/kg" • The limit criterion for disperse dyes (classified as allergenic) is revised to "<20 mg/kg" from "<30 mg/kg" • An alternative test method "EN ISO 17070" has been included for the parameter of chlorophenols • An additional test method "L 00.00-115" has been included for the parameter of pesticides.
GOTS	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alternative test method "ISO 22744-1:2020, Part 1 and Part 2" has been included for the parameter of organotin compounds.
GOTS	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term "Per- and Polyfluorinated Compounds (PFC)" is changed to "Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)" for accuracy and clarity • Examples of PFOA related substances are included as "Me-PFOA, Et-PFOA" • Limit value for PFOA is revised to "0.025 mg/kg" • For Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) the test method is revised to reflect the current test method "AfPS GS 2019:01 PAK"
GOTS	2.4.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parameters under "other chemical residues (Azodicarboxamide/ Azodicarbonamide/ Diazene-1,2-dicarboxamide (ADCA))" is removed. • New criterion is included under the substance group "cyclic siloxanes" as "D4 is prohibited". D4 is classified as H361 by The EU regulation 2020-1182, amending the EU Reg. 1272/2008 which has become mandatory in EU by March 1st, 2022. • A new test method of DIN EN 17137 is included for "Chlorinated Benzenes & Toluenes".
GOTS	2.4.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limit criterion for disperse dyes (classified as allergenic or carcinogenic) has been revised to "<20 mg/kg" from "<30 mg/kg". • Test method has been revised to reflect the current test method as "AfPS GS 2019:01 PAK" for the parameter of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) • Test method details have been included for "cyclic siloxanes" as "Extraction in solvent, GC/MS". • New criterion is included under the substance group "cyclic siloxanes" as "D4 is prohibited". D4 is classified as H361 by The EU regulation 2020-1182, amending the EU Reg. 1272/2008 which has become mandatory in EU by March 1st, 2022. • Test method details have been included for "NMP, DMAc, DMF" as "extraction with methanol, GC-MS or dynamic headspace". • Test method details have been included for "Chlorinated Benzenes & Toluenes" as "DIN EN 17137".
GOTS	3.	General Comments related to GOTS Social Criteria: New sections are added to the Social Criteria and the numbering of the sections has been changed accordingly. Some Section titles have been edited for clarity.



GOTS	3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Section is edited for consistency and clarity.
GOTS	3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Section is added "Human Rights shall be respected". • New Criteria is included "Certified Entity shall respect Human Rights." • New Criteria is included "Certified Entity shall respect the human rights of individuals belonging to specific groups or populations that require particular attention, including; indigenous peoples; women; national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, children; persons with disabilities; and migrant workers and their families."
GOTS	3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Section 3.2. The title "Forced Labour shall not be used" changed to "Forced Labour". • The Section is edited for consistency and clarity. • New Criteria is included "3.3.2 No employee shall be compelled to work through force or intimidation of any form."
GOTS	3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The former Section "Child Labour Shall not be used" is renamed "Child Labour". • The Section is edited for consistency and clarity. • New Criteria is included "3.4.2 If a child below minimum age appears to be employed in the Certified Entity, the Certified Entity shall take all appropriate measures to remove the child from the workplace and to ensure that this child gets appropriate remedy." • New Criteria is included "3.4.5 A Young Worker shall be employed in a manner that allows access to continued education or additional educational opportunities, such as vocational training."
GOTS	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The former Section "No Discrimination is Practised" is merged with the former Section "No Harassment and Violence" and is renamed to "Discrimination and Harassment." • The Section is edited for consistency and clarity. • New Criteria is included "3.5.2 Certified Entity shall provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment, where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity." • New Criteria is included "3.5.3 Certified Entity shall commit within its Policy on Responsible Business Conduct to foster an environment at work free from harassment, bullying and violence." • New Criteria is included "3.5.4 Certified Entity shall operate a zero-tolerance policy for any form of sexual harassment, including sexual and gender-based violence. " • New Criteria is included "3.5.6 Certified Entity shall treat all incidents seriously and promptly investigate all allegations of sexual harassment. If a claim of harassment or discrimination is proven, the Certified Entity shall apply disciplinary measures, up to and including termination of employment."
GOTS	3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Section on "Gender Equality" is added.



GOTS	3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Section on "Disciplinary Practices" is added.
GOTS	3.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Section "Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining" is edited for consistency and clarity.
GOTS	3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Section "Occupation Health and Safety (OHS)" is edited for consistency and clarity. • New Criteria is included "3.9.3 Certified Entity shall provide special protection to such workers as – but not limited to – young worker, new and expecting mothers and persons with disabilities." • New Criteria is included "3.9.9 Certified Entity shall provide training and make safety signs available in the local language and the language(s) spoken by their workforce."
GOTS	3.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Section "Remuneration and Assessment of Living Wage Gap" is edited for consistency and clarity. • New Criteria is included "3.10.10 Certified Entity shall develop a plan to cover the wage gap and pay the living wage to its workers."
GOTS	3.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Section on "Home Workers" is added.
GOTS	3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The former Section "Social Compliance Management" is renamed to "Responsible Business Conduct, Social Compliance, and Due Diligence Management Systems". • The Section is edited for consistency and clarity. • The new requirement to implement a due diligence management system through six steps framework "GOTS Social Criteria shall be implemented through the due diligence process. This process shall be commensurate with the risk and appropriate to a specific Certified Entity's circumstances and context. The following six steps framework shall be followed when conducting due diligence and implementing GOTS Social Criteria: 1) Certified Entity shall embed Responsible Business Conduct into its policies and management systems to undertake due diligence, 2) Certified Entity shall identify actual or potential adverse impacts on issues of Responsible Business Conduct, 3) Certified Entity shall cease, prevent or mitigate adverse impacts on issues of Responsible Business Conduct, 4) Certified Entity shall track implementation and results, 5) Certified Entity shall communicate how impacts are addressed; and 6) Certified Entity shall enable remediation when appropriate." • New Criteria is added "3.15.2 The requirement to conduct due diligence applies to all GOTS Certified Entities. Nevertheless, the scale and complexity of the means through which Certified Entities meet the requirement to conduct due diligence may vary according to its size, operational context, ownership and structure."



GOTS	3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Criteria is added, "3.15.3 Certified Entity shall continuously implement due diligence so that they can show progressive improvement over time." • New Criteria is added, "3.15.4 Certified Entity shall adopt a Policy on Responsible Business Conduct that articulates Certified Entity's commitments to responsible business conduct in its own operations and in its supply chain." • New Criteria is added, "3.15.5 Certified Entity shall strengthen management systems to conduct due diligence of harm in Certified Entity's own operation and in its supply chain". • New Criteria is added, "3.15.6 Certified Entity shall assign oversight and responsibility for due diligence to relevant senior management and assign board-level responsibilities for implementing Policy on Responsible Business Conduct and GOTS Social Criteria". • New Criteria is added, "3.15.7 Certified Entity shall allocate adequate support and resources to conduct due diligence on human rights, labour, environment, and integrity risks. Certified Entity shall monitor compliance with the GOTS Social Criteria and implement necessary improvements at its facilities, also keeping in mind potential adverse impacts."
GOTS	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text is edited for clarity and consistency
GOTS	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new section is included covering the quality management system of GOTS Goods "Certified entities shall have a document, such as a 'Quality Manual,' for Quality Management System (QMS) in place. Such a Manual shall be appropriately made available to the relevant staff and workers. This system shall assure that GOTS Goods consistently meet the technical quality parameters and residues set under GOTS and Implementation Manual. The system shall establish objectives, performance indicators, testing quality of production inputs, semi-final products and final products. The system shall have a complaint management system for product quality, internal audit system, documentation of corrective actions, monitoring and management of incidences, risk assessment for contamination, periodic review of QMS by the management. GOTS Approved Certifiers shall have their own risk assessment for Quality Management of GOTS Goods that is independent from Certified Entities."
GOTS	4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criterion "Certified Entities are expected to undertake testing in accordance with a risk assessment..." is revised to an obligatory criterion. Therefore the wording "expected to" replaced by "shall"
GOTS	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text is edited for clarity and consistency
GOTS	6.1.2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further criterion is included as "Only natural fibres are permitted for security veils. "



GOTS	6.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section title is reworded to include "Group II" for clarity.
GOTS	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New definitions are included for the terms; "coating", "home worker" "formulation", "GOTS Positive List", "mulesing", "site", "volume reconciliation", "wholly owned subsidiary", and the definition for "microplastics" is updated.
GOTS	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New abbreviations are included: "FTCs", "PFHpA", "PFOSA", "Aps", "DMAc", "DMF", "PFNA", "PFDA", "PTFE", "PFAS", "NMP".