

Revision Process of GOTS Version 2.0

This document provides for a short summary of relevant changes made to the content / meaning / interpretation of the criteria in the 1st revision draft of GOTS version 3.0 and the corresponding Manual compare to the previous GOTS Version 2.0 and the corresponding Manual. All changes can be observed in detail through the 'track mode files' of the 1st revision drafts.

Document GOTS or Manual	No of Chapter	Relevant change
GOTS	1.2	Corrected that GOTS covers processing, manufacturing and labelling of textiles made from min. 70% organic natural fibres (not of natural fibres itself). Clarified that GOTS contains criteria relevant to the whole facility where GOTS Goods are processed as well as for the GOTS Goods itself.
Manual	1.2	Clarification added that GOTS does not cover non-fibre products, such as leather.
GOTS	1.3	Section to introduce the version of GOTS deleted, as it is on the cover site already.
GOTS	1.3	New section added introducing that there are two kind of certifications (operational and product).
GOTS	1.4	Requirement for the labelling option 'in conversion' dropped, that certification of 'in conversion' is only possible if the equivalent organic fibres are not commercially available in sufficient quantity, quality or type. Further the labelling requirements have been made consistent with the Licensing&Labelling Guide.
GOTS	1.5	New section introducing the valid released GOTS reference documents added.
Manual	2.1	Clarification added that farming standards based on IFOAM Basic Standards are approved for fibre certification.
GOTS	2.2.1	Clarification added that additional fibres must be non GM.
GOTS	2.2.1 & 2.2.2	Clarification added that percentage figures for material composition refer to weight.
GOTS	2.3.1	Further prohibited inputs explicitly mentioned (nonylphenol, octylphenol, PFOS, PFOA, Organotin compounds). Substances listed in regulation EC 552/2009, on the ECHA 'candidate list of substances of very high concern for authorisation' the RSL of the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) classified as prohibited.
Manual	2.3.1	References to the mentioned regulations and lists added.
GOTS	2.3.2	Clear distinction made between risk phrases (hazardous statements) that referring to substances and those referring to preparations in assessment. With regard to aquatic hazards preparations assigned to R50, R50/53 and R51/53 are excluded.
Manual	2.3.2	References to the mentioned regulations and norms added.
GOTS	2.3.2	Test methods for toxicity and biodegradability revised; clarified that LD50 animal test and LC50 fish test are not permitted.
GOTS	2.3.3	New section added referring to the adequate basis for assessment of chemical and clarifying that any chemicals used must have been approved by a certifier prior to its usage.
Manual	2.3.3	Procedure and requirements for approval of chemicals added (based on the accreditation document and the current policy).
GOTS	2.4.5	Requirement added that washing detergents must be free of phosphates. Corrected that ammonia treatment is exceptionally permitted for after treatment of wool (not for pre-washing). Clarification added that exceptions for bleaches not based on oxygen can only be granted for non-cotton fibre products where oxygen bleaches are not sufficiently functional.
GOTS	2.4.6	Inclusion of natural dyes to the obligation to meet the basic requirements 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Clarified that disperse dyes classified as allergenic are prohibited. Exceptionally permitted copper content in blue, green and turquoise dyes reduced from 5% to 3%.
Manual	2.4.6	MAC III arylamines and prohibited disperse dyes listed
GOTS	2.4.7	Inclusion of natural dyes to the obligation to meet the basic requirements 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Exceptionally permitted copper content in blue, green and turquoise dyes reduced from 5% to 3%. Flock printing is allowed with natural and regenerated fibres.
GOTS	2.4.8	General prohibition for finishing with synthetic auxiliaries lifted and limited to anti-microbial finishing, coating, filling and stiffening, lustring and matting, (water- or oil-) repellent and proof finishing as well as weighting.
GOTS	2.4.9	Requirements for additional fibres transferred from annex B) to 2.4.9. and regulated in more detail. Polyester used must be made from postconsumer recycled material from 1st January 2013 onwards.
GOTS	2.4.9	Requirements for accessories revised and specified.
GOTS	2.4.11	Specific requirements added for wastewater from wool scouring and bast retting sites. Permitted COD / kg textile output of treated water reduced to 20 g/kg. COD/BOD ratio requirement deleted.
Manual	2.4.11	Test and calculation method to determine COD and test method to determine Copper added.
GOTS	2.4.12	Legally required treatments of raw materials permitted under restrictions.
GOTS	2.4.13	The requirement to obtain a proof for the whole quantity of purchased GOTS Goods added.
Manual	2.4.13	Requirement specified that (only) US importers of GOTS Goods must be informed through the TC if the raw fibre was certified to NOP.
GOTS	2.4.14	Requirements for technical quality parameters for fibre blends specified. Equivalent test method of the US and Japan introduced.
GOTS	2.4.15& 2.4.16	Residue level for AOX changed from 0.5 to 5.0mg/kg pH level limited for products with skin contact to 4.5-7.5 Limits for tin, TphT, DOT and phthalates introduced.
Manual	3.1-3.10	Applicable ILO reference conventions introduced as basis for interpretation.
GOTS	3.11	Section introduced for social compliance management requirements
GOTS	4.1	Certification obligation for trade operations specified. All traders with more than 5000€ annual turnover must participate. Retailers not having a trade function are excluded. Approval requirements made consistent with the accreditation document.
Manual	4.1	First processing step that must be GOTS certified prescribed (ginning for cotton, retting for bast fibres, boiling and washing of cocoons for silk, scouring of wool). Obligation for performing a minimum amount of 2% unannounced inspections introduced. Minimum inspection protocol (in line with accreditation document) introduced. Requirements for minimum content of operational certificates added. Cases specified in which the certifier can decide on exceptions from the annual on site inspection.
Manual	4.2	Risk factors that should be considered in risk assessment for contamination and corresponding testing introduced.