

GOTS Criteria and Requirements Composition for Additional Fibres & Accessories

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Main Considerations in GOTS



- **Fibre Requirements**
- **Chemical Inputs & Processing Requirements**
- **Environmental Criteria**
- **Social Criteria**
- **Traceability**

Requirements for Organic Fibres



Approved organic standards are:

- **Regulation (EC) 834/2007**
- **USDA National Organic Program (NOP)**
- **NPOP**
- **Any (other) standard approved in the IFOAM Family of Standards for the relevant scope of production (crop or animal production)**

CBs must at least have one of the following qualifications:

- **ISO 65 / 17065 accreditation**
- **NOP accreditation**
- **IFOAM accreditation**
- **IFOAM Global Organic System accreditation**

Criteria for Fibres



Certified Organic Fibres (EC/NOP/NPOP/IFOAM): Minimum 70%

- Residue testing limits (RSL) as indicated in **Section 2.4.15** must be met for processed organic fibres.

Additional Fibres (in blend with organic fibres): Balance 30% or 5% content, as per Label Grade.

Accessories: Textile Fibres / non-fibre accessories.

- Residue testing limits (RSL) as indicated in **Section 2.4.16** must be met for additional fibres and accessories.

Additional Fibres (in blends): Up to 30%



Criteria	Item
Natural Fibres	Vegetable Fibres and animal fibres (e.g. linen, hemp, wool, silk, mohair , etc.) (upto 30%)
Sustainable Regenerated Fibres	Lyocell & Protein based fibres: from Organic / FSC / PEFC / Recycled raw materials (upto 30%)
Sustainable Synthetic fibres	Certified Recycled synthetic fibres (polyester, polyamide, polypropylene and polyurethane (elastane)) Certified as per <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recycled Claim Standard (RCS from Textile Exchange),• Global Recycle Standard (GRS from Textile Exchange),• Recycled Content Standard (from SCS)) (up to 30%)

Additional Fibres (in blends): Up to 10%



Criteria	Item
Restricted Fibres	Virgin Synthetic & Regenerated (e.g. viscose, modal, polyamide, elastane, polypropylene) (Max 10%)
Special Conditions (in Restricted Fibres)	For socks, leggings & Sportswear , including Yogawear (Max 25%, instead of 10%)
Stainless Steel Fibres	Max 10%

Additional Fibres (in blends): Not permitted



- **Conventional Cotton**
- **Polyester (Virgin)**
- **Conventional Angora Hair**
- **Acrylic**
- **Asbestos**
- **Carbon**
- **Silver**

Examples for Fibre Composition in GOTS Goods



Permitted

- **70% organic cotton, 30% lyocell from organic plantation**
- **75% organic cotton, 20% recycled polyamide, 5% elastane**
- **65% organic cotton, 10% organic wool, 25% conventional silk**
- **50% organic-in-conversion cotton, 20% organic silk, 30% conventional wool.**
- **Socks made of: 75% organic cotton, 22% polyamide, 3% elastane**
- **Socks made of: 75% organic cotton, 25% lyocell from conventional wood.**

Examples for Fibre Composition in GOTS Goods



Not Permitted

- **70% organic cotton, 30% lyocell from conventional wood**
- **70% organic cotton, 30% viscose from organic plantation**
- **95% organic wool, 5% conventional wool**
- **90% organic wool, 10% polyester**
- **88% organic cotton, 10% polyamide, 2% polypropylene**
- **Leggings made of: 72% organic wool, 25% polyamide, 3% elastane**

Organic and conventional fibres of same type **cannot be mixed** in same product.

Accessories for GOTS Goods



- **applique**
- **borders**
- **buckles**
- **buttons and press-studs**
- **cords**
- **edgings**
- **elastic bands and yarns**
- **embroidery yarns**
- **fasteners and closing systems**
- **hatbands**
- **laces**
- **linings**
- **inlays**
- **interface**
- **labels**
- **interlinings**
- **pockets**
- **seam bindings**
- **sewing threads**
- **shoulder pads**
- **trims**
- **zippers**

Material Composition for Accessories



Criteria	Item
Natural Fibres	Vegetable Fibres (e.g., Cotton, linen, hemp, bamboo , etc.) & Animal Fibres (e.g. wool, silk , etc.)
Synthetic & Regenerated	Virgin or Recycled Synthetic (e.g., polyester, polyamide, acrylic, polypropylene, elastane , etc.) and Regenerated (e.g. viscose, modal , etc.)
Other natural materials	wood, leather, horn, bone, shell and non-biotic material (such as minerals, metals, stone) etc.
Materials NOT Permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Asbestos- Carbon fibres- Silver (filament, treated) fibres- Chromium- Nickel- Material from threatened animals, plant and timber- Chlorinated plastics (e.g. PVC)

Examples for Accessories



Permitted

- **Conventional cotton laces**
- **Polyester (virgin) sewing thread**
- **Plastic or Metallic Zippers**
- **Viscose embroidery yarn**
- **Polyester buttons**

Not Permitted

- **Embellishment made from Asbestos fibres**

Chemical Inputs & Processing Requirements



- **All chemical inputs used in processing of GOTS goods must be approved prior to use.**
- **Hazardous processing steps are prohibited (e.g. Sand Blasting).**

Environment Criteria- Textile Facilities



- **Effluent Treatment**
- **Sludge Disposal**
- **Other Environmental Criteria**

Environmental Criteria is applicable to the whole processing facility for the whole year.

Use of **GOTS Monitor (Water/Energy) is encouraged. Version 2.0 released in November 2018.**

Social Compliance



Traceability in GOTS



- **In Built into GOTS system**
- **SC / TC Policies are used instruments**
- **Products are traceable in the GOTS value chain**

Important Documents



- **GOTS Version 5.0**
- **Manual for the Implementation of GOTS (Issue 5.0)**
- **Licensing and Labelling Guide**
- **Labelling Release for GOTS Goods**
- **Labelling Release for GOTS Additives**
- **Policy and Template for issuing Certificates of Compliance (Scope Certificates, SCs)**
- **Policy and Template for issuing Transaction Certificates (TCs)**
- **Policy and Template for issuing Letters of Approval**
- **Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies**

Thank You!



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