

Why choose GRTS?

GRTS builds on the GOTS certification approach to include a broader range of eligible fibre types.

It applies defined environmental, social, chain-of-custody and chemical requirements to products made with fibres certified to recognised fibre production standards accepted under the GRTS Fibre Assessment Framework.

For products containing recycled materials, regenerated cellulose or other eligible fibre types, compliance with GRTS requirements is independently assessed and certified by accredited third-party Certification Bodies.

Key features of GRTS certification

- ▮ Recognised fibre production standards
- ▮ Defined processing requirements
- ▮ Physical traceability through supply chain
- ▮ Social requirements
- ▮ Environmental criteria
- ▮ Chemical requirements
- ▮ Due diligence
- ▮ Volume reconciliation
- ▮ Independent third-party verification
- ▮ Aligned certification approach with GOTS

This provides a consistent and independently certified framework for eligible fibres across the certified textile supply chain.

Our vision is a world where all textiles are produced in accordance with the principles of health, ecology, fairness and care to enhance people's lives and the environment. Organic textiles are an integral part of this holistic approach.



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Benefits of a GRTS certification

The Global Responsible Textile Standard is a voluntary sustainability standard developed by Global Standards to certify products made with fibres certified to third-party standards recognised under GRTS. It sets rigorous, defined requirements covering environmental and chemical management, human rights, social and business conduct and traceability across textile processing and manufacturing.



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Full supply chain certification

GRTS covers the textile supply chain from the first processing of eligible fibre inputs to the final labelled product.

Why it matters:



Physical supply chain traceability across the certified textile value chain



Independent third party certification of environmental, social and traceability requirements



Verifiable certification information supported by third-party certification



Consistent certification requirements across the certified textile supply chain



Reduce your audit burden

GRTS follows an aligned certification approach with GOTS, providing consistency across the certified textile value chain. For GOTS- certified entities obtaining GRTS certification is a straightforward process, as the majority of GRTS requirements are aligned with the existing GOTS criteria.

Annual audits are required for both standards, but can be conducted together, avoiding duplication and reducing administrative effort.

For most certified entities, additional auditing requirements are minimal. Existing preparations for environmental, social and chemical requirements remain largely unchanged.

Additional effort is generally limited to:

- Issuing or updating Scope Certificates
- Implementing GRTS labelling requirements

This keeps the operational advantage you want to communicate, but bases it on the specific alignment and combined-audit mechanism rather than promising that certification will always be minimal or streamlined.

Scan for more information concerning steps to get GRTS-certified



Prepare for evolving market and regulatory requirements

GRTS provides certification for a broader range of eligible fibre compositions and establishes traceability and certification requirements across the certified textile supply chain.

Prepare for evolving information requirements

- Enables certification of products containing recycled and other eligible fibre blends that may support future ESPR-related requirements.
- Supports traceability systems and data collection relevant to future Digital Product Passport requirements.
- Helps companies prepare product portfolios for evolving sustainability requirements beyond organic-only criteria.

Support product innovation

- Allows higher shares of recycled and other eligible fibres while maintaining certification requirements.
- Supports certification of products designed to meet emerging ESPR-related market expectations.

Broaden certified fibre options

- Respond to evolving market needs with:
 - Eligible recycled fibre products
 - Supply chain transparency
- Support data collection and traceability processes that may be relevant to evolving EU product information requirements.