

In GRTS-certified products, at least 90% of the fibres must be certified to fibre production standards recognised by GRTS.

To be recognised under GRTS, these fibre production standards must meet Global Standards' defined fibre eligibility criteria.

#### This includes:

- ▮ Physical chain-of-custody traceability with Transaction Certificate verification.
- ▮ independent third-party certification.
- ▮ strict non-GMO requirements.
- ▮ no highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs)

Animal welfare requirements apply to relevant animal fibres, including requirements addressing mulesing and live lamb cutting.

GRTS also sets sourcing requirements for forestry-based fibres and additional sourcing and manufacturing requirements for relevant regenerated cellulosic, synthetic and other manufactured fibres.

GRTS products must contain at least 90% fibres certified to fibre production standards recognised under GRTS. Certified organic and organic in-conversion fibres may be used, provided they account for less than 70% of the total fibre content. Up to 10% specified additional fibres may be permitted where necessary for technical or functional product requirements, subject to the applicable GRTS requirements and restrictions.

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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Find out more about eligible fibre production standards and GRTS-certified products.



## Which fibres are allowed in GRTS?

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.



[global-standards.org](https://www.global-standards.org)

GRTS recognises fibre production standards that meet the GRTS fibre eligibility requirements. Rather than creating new fibre production standards, GRTS builds on existing recognised standards that meet these requirements.

GRTS certification requires physical traceability and volume reconciliation throughout the certified supply chain. Certified fibre content is physically tracked through the relevant processing and trading stages, with quantities reconciled to verify the flow of certified material through the chain.

A list of fibre production standards currently recognised by GRTS is available here.



## Fibre categories eligible for GRTS-certified products include:



Plant fibres



Animal fibres



Regenerated cellulosic fibres



Recycled fibres



Biopolymers



Organic & in-conversion fibres (below GOTS thresholds)

This approach allows GRTS to include a range of eligible fibre categories while applying defined environmental, social and traceability requirements across the certified textile supply chain.

Would your organisation like to propose additional fibres or fibre production standards for consideration under GRTS?

Please submit an application together with supporting documentation demonstrating alignment with the GRTS fibre eligibility requirements here.



## Prohibited fibres under GRTS

The following fibres and fibre compositions are not permitted in GRTS-certified goods because they either do not meet the GRTS fibre eligibility requirements or fall within the scope of GOTS.

### Always excluded

- ❗ Fibres not certified to a recognised fibre production standard
- ❗ GMO fibres (incl. GMO cotton)
- ❗ Fibres that do not meet applicable GRTS pesticide requirements
- ❗ Animal fibres that do not meet GRTS animal welfare requirements (e.g. mulesed wool)
- ❗ Fibres traceable only through mass balance

Fibre blends are permitted under GRTS, provided each fibre in the blend is certified to a recognised fibre production standard. For example, a cotton-recycled polyester blend may qualify where both fibre components meet the applicable GRTS requirements.

