

## Certification of Organic Textiles—Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)

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### Abstract

*The International Working Group on Global Organic Textile Standard was formed as an initiative of leading standard organizations in 2002 with the goal to unify the various existing standards and draft standards which caused confusion with market participants and consumers and were an obstacle to free international trade with organic textiles.*

*In the meantime, the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) has already demonstrated the practical feasibility of the standards and has turned out to be the leading set of criteria in the field of organic textile processing. With the publication of the revised Version 2.0 and the introduction of the logo and labeling system, the GOTS is now about to visually enter the shelves not only of natural textile shops but also of the largest retailers and brand dealers—a milestone in consumer recognition, but also a high accountability for a reliable quality assurance concept.*

*This workshop presentation informs about the history, present implementation status, key criteria, and the corresponding quality assurance system of GOTS. It is intended as an introduction to a fruitful workshop discussion with regard to the perspectives of organic textile certification and labeling.*

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