

Amendment No.1 to the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), Version 1.1

Exceptions for the United States Market, approved by the International Working Group on Global Organic Textile Standard

Below those criteria are listed, for which exceptions for the United States Market have been approved. All changes / exceptions have been underlined. The exceptions remain valid until they are recalled by the International Working Group on Global Organic Textile Standard.

1.4 Label grading

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Final products, that are produced and manufactured in compliance with all compulsory criteria of these standards under consideration of the exceptional allowances as defined in this amendment no.1 may be sold, labelled or represented in the United States Market as:

a) "organic"

respective

b) "made with x % organic materials"

with regard to these standards.

The certifiers shall secure in their respective licensing/certification agreements that the products produced according to the Global Standard are additionally labelled "Global Organic Textile Standard – USA 2006/2007".

2.2.2 Products sold, labelled or represented as "made with x % organic materials" or "made with x % organic – in conversion materials"

70% - 95% or more of the fibres - excluding accessories - must be of certified organic origin or from 'in conversion' period (with conversion nature of fibres being stated and restricted as specified in the chapters 1.4 and 2.1 of these standards). The remaining balance up to 30% may be made of non-organic fibres. The remaining balance may contain a maximum of 10% of regenerated or synthetic fibres as defined in annex. [Exception for US market: The remaining balance for socks, leggings and sportswear may contain a maximum of 25% of regenerated or synthetic fibres as defined in annex.]

The remaining balance may not contain conventional fibres of the same raw material, that is used in organic quality in the same product (= no blending).

2.3.7 Pre-treatment stages, wet processing

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Pre-treatment stage	Criteria
Optical brightening	Prohibited; <u>Exception for US market: Allowed are optical brighteners that meet all criteria for the selection of dyes and auxiliaries as defined in chapter '2.3.8. Dyeing'. A review of this allowance will be done in two years.</u>

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2.3.11 Requirements for accessories

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Accessory	Criteria
Embroidery yarns	Allowed are embroidery yarns of natural fibres and viscose only.

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	<u>Exception for US market: Allowed are natural and synthetic embroidery yarns.</u>
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Buttons / press-studs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allowed are natural raw materials and metal. - Metal buttons must be free of chrome and nickel. <u>Exception for US market: Allowed are plastic buttons if it can be demonstrated that buttons from natural sources are not available in sufficient quantity and with the required properties. A review of this allowance will be done in two years.</u>

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