



Textile Exchange Standards Certification

Demand for more sustainable products has risen in recent years as political and social awareness about the need to protect the environment and reduce consumption of finite natural resources has grown. This has required the development and implementation of less polluting and more energy-efficient production techniques that use fewer non-renewable resources.

Certification to Textile Exchange standards provides a way to verify environmental, social and animal welfare practices at the beginning of the supply chain and enables the tracking of these materials to the final product. Certification lets brands and retailers measure, manage and trace their use of preferred fibers and materials while ensuring sustainability commitments lead to meaningful and positive change.

Textiles and materials such as plastic and rubber are now an indispensable part of our daily life. This results in the generation of large amounts of waste. Recycling these waste products helps reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources and gives materials a new value. It also helps with environmental protection and sustainable development.

At the same time, extensive use of cotton in the textile industry can lead to soil depletion and increased pollution of soil, water and air from the use of chemicals, including fertilizers and pesticides. The promotion of organic cotton aims to mitigate these effects without neglecting the productive needs of the sector.

Animal fibers, such as wool, alpaca and down, also have a significant presence in the textile industry, making animal welfare during production equally important.

Major textile industry brands have begun to launch products that incorporate recycled or ecologically sourced materials. These requirements are now being extended to their supply chains and they are using certification to prove and improve sustainability claims to clients and customers.

SGS services

- ✓ **GRS (Global Recycled Standard) for China(*), Indonesia, Turkey and Vietnam**
- ✓ **RCS (Recycled Claim Standard) for China(*), Europe(**), India, Indonesia, Morocco, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Vietnam**
- ✓ **OCS (Organic Content Standard) for Europe(**), India, Indonesia, Morocco, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Vietnam**
- ✓ **RAF (Responsible Animal Fiber) for Europe(**), India, Indonesia, Morocco, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Vietnam**
- ✓ **RDS (Responsible Down Standard) for Europe(**), India, Indonesia, Morocco, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Vietnam**

(*) Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan

(**) Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

	GRS	RCS	OCS	RAF	RDS
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input verification (definition of recycled according to ISO 14021) Tracking of chain of custody Additional chemical, environmental, and social requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input verification (definition of recycled according to ISO 14021) Tracking of chain of custody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input verification (absence of GMOs, permitted levels of fertilizers/pesticides) Tracking of chain of custody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input verification (animal nutrition, handling and transport) Tracking of chain of custody Additional social requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input verification (animal nutrition, handling and transport) Tracking of chain of custody
Applicable to	Recycled materials	Recycled materials	Organically grown materials (e.g. cotton, bast fibers, etc.)	Animal fibers (wool, mohair, alpaca)	Animal fibers (down and feather)
Minimum %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% 50% (if there is a product claim) 	5%	5%	5%	5%

Benefits of Textile Exchange certification



Increases market competitiveness



Builds trust



Supports sustainability goals

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- SGS Supervise Gözetme Etüd Kontrol Servisleri A.Ş. (Turkey) (registration number: 145)

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