Textiles
ecological and organic
Controlled and Certified by ECOCERT Greenlife
Environmental and social issues for the textile industry

The textile industry is regularly the subject of scandals, including the massive use of chemical inputs harmful to the planet, risks to health and appalling working conditions. Now fully informed of the risks that conventional textiles pose to health and the environment, more than two thirds of consumers of all ages and social strata are sensitive to the initiatives associated with sustainable development. The textile industry evolution towards practices that better respect human beings and the environment involves producing organic or ecological textiles.

THE GLOBAL TEXTILE MARKET

- Natural fibres and organic certification for textiles
  Between 2007 and 2012, the sales of organic textiles increased by 75%. In 2012, they represented nearly 9 million dollars. Today, the major players in the fashion industry use organic or recycled materials, or fibres made from renewable resources.

- Synthetic fibres and the need for appropriate certification

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The ECOCERT Group expertise at the textile industry service

ECOCERT has been the world leader in organic products certification for over 20 years. In order to support and encourage professionals to adopt practices that are ever more environmentally friendly, ECOCERT has developed services specific to the textile industry. In 2013, the certification body IMOswiss AG, a pioneer in organic textiles certification, joined the ECOCERT Group. The ECOCERT Group certifies over 500 textile companies in over 40 countries and maintains a local presence in the main textile-producing countries, thus meeting the demands linked to the internationalization of the textile sector. The ECOCERT Group is also a specialist in validating chemical inputs used in the textile industry (e.g. dyes, pigments, textile agents, and chemicals used in dyeing and finishing) for GOTS and ERTS standards. Over 3,000 references have been approved.

3,070 CHEMICAL INPUTS VALIDATED
OVER 500 TEXTILE COMPANIES CERTIFIED
AND CONTROLLED IN 40 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

ECOCERT - THE WORLD REFERENCE FOR CERTIFYING ORGANIC PRODUCTS

Distribution of the global fibres production in 2011
Organic cotton market report 2011

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Certifications and labels suitable for all your projects

**Organic fibres**

**FOR PRODUCTS WITH AT LEAST 70% OF ORGANIC FIBRES:**
GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD (GOTS):

- The GOTS standard takes into account the entire process of the textile production, including:
  1. Integrity and traceability of the raw materials
  2. Respect of the Environment
  3. Consumer health
  4. Social criteria
- Two certification levels:
  - « Organic textiles »: 95% of the fibres from organic agriculture
  - « Textiles based on organic fibres »: At least 70% of the fibres from organic agriculture

**TO GUARANTEE THE PROPORTION OF ORGANIC FIBRE (FROM A MINIMUM OF 5%):**
ORGANIC CONTENT STANDARD (OCS):

- The standard guarantees to the consumer the textile’s organic-fibre content. It takes into account:
  1. The integrity and traceability of the raw materials
- Two certification levels:
  - "OCS 100": At least 95% of organic raw materials
  - "OCS blended": At least 5% of organic raw materials, mixed with conventional or synthetic raw materials

**Ecological or recycled fibres**

**FOR PRODUCTS WITH AT LEAST 70% OF NATURAL, FROM NATURAL ORIGIN OR RECYCLED FIBRES: (ERTS):**

The ERTS standard was created in 2012 by ECOCERT Greenlife. It considers the lifetime of the product, in particular:

1. Eco-design
2. Integrity and traceability of the raw materials
3. Respect of the Environment
4. Consumer health
5. Social criteria

(2) Recognition of labelling or certification programmes (e.g. GRS, RCS, BCI and CMIA)
DO YOU MANUFACTURE TEXTILES?

➔ A simple process is open to you

From our Web site, you can access a database of more than 3,000 suppliers whose raw materials and chemical inputs have already been validated under the standards GOTS, OCS or ERTS.

DO YOU MANUFACTURE OR SUPPLY CHEMICAL INPUTS?

➔ You can benefit from visibility with our clients who are already signed up

If your inputs are verified by ECOCERT as compliant with the GOTS 4.0 standard, you can advertise that compliance to GOTS-certified companies and to your prospective customers. Your company name appears on the ECOCERT Web site, visible by the 500 textile companies who have already signed up with ECOCERT.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EXPERTS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

to help address environmental issues or to support you in new projects?

➔ Our expertise is at your disposal

DO YOU WANT SOME TRAINING?

➔ ECOCERT offers training courses on certification steps, environmental issues, and good practices in the sector

Why should you choose Ecocert Greenlife?

➔ It increases your visibility with consumers and professionals of the sector.
➔ It guarantees you a quality service that is uniform anywhere in the world.
➔ Proximity and availability of 30 qualified auditors.
➔ You can choose from 3 standards to suit your commitments and your needs.
➔ A certification officer is in charge of your file and monitors it regularly.