

TEXTILE PROGRAMS

The textile industry has long been associated with environmentally harmful processing, animal welfare issues, and complex social compliance issues. Over the years, public awareness and the demand for traceability have increased and the request for certified sustainable products is growing. With more than a decade of working with the textile industry, Control Union has partnered with many companies to meet their sustainability challenges head-on. For example, in the mid-2000s, we developed the Global Recycle Standard to meet the growing misuse of using virgin PET bottles claimed to be recycled PET and we also developed together with the global brand The North Face, The Responsible Down Standard which has now become the industry standard for down feathers. We are your trusted partners!

WHAT CERTIFICATIONS CAN WE OFFER?



GOTS: Global Organic Textile Standard

The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibers, including ecological and social criteria, backed up by independent certification of the entire textile supply chain.



OCS: Organic Content Standard

The Organic Content Standard (OCS) is a voluntary chain of custody standard that provides companies with a tool for third-party verification that a final product contains the accurate amount of a given organic material.



RCS: Recycled Claim Standard

The Recycled Claim Standard (RCS) is a voluntary chain of custody standard that provides companies with a tool for third-party verification that a final product contains the accurate amount of a given pre- or post-customer recycled materials.



GRS: Global Recycle Standard

The Global Recycle Standard (GRS) is intended for companies that are making and/or selling products with recycled content. The standard applies to the full supply chain and addresses traceability, environmental principles, social requirements, and labeling.



OBP: Ocean Bound Plastic Certification

The OBP is intended for companies that are making and/ or selling products with ocean-bound plastic content. The standard applies to the full supply chain and addresses traceability, environmental principles, and labeling. Companies seeking the OBP are looking for a differentiated claim on their recycled plastic policies and products.



GOLS: Global Organic Latex Standard

GOLS enables manufacturers, exporters, and sellers the ability to showcase their unique products of origin. This includes social and environmental criteria in addition to traceability. The standard is a chain of custody standard ensuring that the entire supply chain is certified.



REGENAGRI - COC

Regenerative agriculture initiatives aimed at securing the health of the land and the wealth of those who live on it. Relevant across the spectrum of agriculture, Regenagri is open to all forms and agribusinesses. Regenagri has gained popularity in the cotton fiber domain as well. REGENAGRI – COC (Chain of Custody) program for the textile supply chain ensures the traceability of Regenagri Fiber in finished products manufactured.



PPRS: PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION STANDARD

The Plastic Pollution Reduction Standard (PPRS) has a broad scope, covering the accreditation of Project Partners, plastic crediting, and the certification of Brand Partners as Plastic-Free or Net Zero Plastic Waste. Plastic Credit Exchange has partnered with Control Union Philippines, a trusted and reputable third-party certification service, to bolster the implementation of this standard.

WHAT ANIMAL WELFARE CERTIFICATIONS CAN WE OFFER?



RDS: Responsible Down Standard

The Responsible Down Standard is a voluntary chain of custody that provides companies with a tool for third-party verification that a final product contains that accurate amount of a given input of responsible down. The RDS ensures that down and feathers come from ducks and geese that have been treated well. This means enabling them to live healthy lives, express innate behaviors, and not suffer from pain, fear, or distress.



RWS: Responsible Wool Standard

The Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) is a voluntary chain of custody standards that provides companies with a tool for third-party verification that a final product contains the accurate amount of a given input of responsible wool. THE RWS ensures that wool comes from farms with a progressive approach to managing their land and ensures that sheep are treated responsibly with respect to their Five Freedoms

WHAT VERIFICATIONS CAN WE OFFER?



HIGG Facility Environmental Module (FEM)

The HIGG FEM is a tool developed by the Sustainable Apparel Coalition as part of a suite of tools making up the HIGG Index that enables manufacturers to assess and measure their environmental imports. The Higg FEM inform brands, retailers, and manufacturers about the environmental sustainability performance of their individual facilities, so they can make improvements that reduce negative sustainability impacts. Control Union is a Verification Body approved by the Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC) to offer on-site verification of Higg FEM as per the SAC verification protocol and procedures for textile and apparel facilities to communicate credible Higg FEM claims.



Social Labor Convergence Program (SLCP)

The SLCP is a program that seeks to improve working conditions in global supply chains. This is done via stakeholder-driven efforts to make meaningful improvements while seeking efficiencies by using shareable high-quality data to increase transparency and eliminate repetitive social compliance audits. The SLCP offers the tools to measure working conditions in global supply chains.



SEDEX

Sedex leads to work with buyers & and suppliers to deliver improvements in responsible and ethical business practices in Sedex global supply chains. Sedex four pillars are composed of Labour, Health and Safety, Environment, and Business Ethics. While Sedex Smeta audits can be carried out for 2 pillars or Sedex 4 pillars. SMETA is designed for suppliers to share one Sedex audit report with multiple customers, meeting multiple customer requirements and reducing duplication in ethical auditing.



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