

To all GOTS operators:

Clarifications regarding requirements of GOTS Version 3.0 valid from 01 January 2014 onwards. The clarifications are posted in GOTS website, only in English version: <http://www.global-standard.org/the-standard/latest-version.html> .

1- GOTS Version 3.0, Chapter 2.4.9: Requirement to use recycled polyester:

Requirements for Additional materials and Accessories:

- Additional Materials: *“From 1st January 2014 onwards any polyester used must be made from post-consumer recycled material.”*

Any accepted polyester fibre material used for the remaining non-organic balance of the product’s material composition according to chapter 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. must be made from recycled polyester; both pre- consumer and post- consumer recycled waste material will be accepted.

- Accessories: *“From 1st January 2014 onwards any polyester used must be made from post-consumer recycled material “.*

This requirement will not get in force for the recycled polyester accessories (such as buttons, sewing threads, zippers).

2- GOTS Version 3.0, Chapter 2.4.12: Requirement to use recycled or FSC/PEFC certified paper/cardboard:

“From 1st January 2014 onwards any paper or cardboard used in packaging material, hang tags, swing tags etc. must be post-consumer recycled or certified according to FSC or PEFC.”

This requirement is valid for packaging material of GOTS Goods (incl. labelling items such as hang tags or swing tags) to be sold in the retail market but it does not concern bulk packaging used in the supply chain (e.g. cardboard boxes used for bulk packing intermediates (e.g. yarn cones) or final products).

Both, pre- consumer and post-consumer recycled paper and cardboard will be accepted.

Applicable definitions:

-Pre-consumer waste: Material diverted from the waste stream during the manufacturing process. Excluded is the reutilization of materials such as rework, regrind or scrap generated in a process and capable to being reclaimed within the same process.

-Post-consumer waste: Material generated by households or by commercial, industrial and institutional facilities in their role as end-users of the product that can no longer be used for its intended purpose. This includes returns of materials from the distribution chain.

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