



## Understanding Textile Certifications

Certification	Purpose	Who needs it?
GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)	Confirms fibres have been produced using organic processes, and, if chemicals are used, they are environmentally friendly. It ensures that products are made from at least 70% certified organic fibres. And are manufactured, packaged and labelled in a sustainable way.	Producers of organic fabric Brands which use sustainable fabrics Consumers
OKEO-TEX Standard 100	Certifies that textile products have been tested for and are free of harmful chemicals, from the yarn to the finished product. Ensures they are safe for human health and the environment.	Textile producers Especially important for baby wear Consumers
GRS (Global Recycled Standard)	To increase the use of recycled materials and reduce the harm caused by their production. Verifies the content of recycled materials in products. It applies to the full supply chain, addressing transparency and showing social and environmental standards are met.	Producers of fabrics Sustainable brands Consumers
RCS (Recycled Claim Standard)	Independent evaluation of the amount of recycled material in a product. It enables tracking of recycled raw materials through the supply chain, helping consumers to understand claims about the amount of recycled material in a product.	Brands Manufacturers that use the fibres Consumers
SEDEX membership and SMETA audits	SEDEX, although not a certification organisation, provides a platform for its members to share supply chain data and manage risk. SMETA audits are assessments of a supplier's ethical and operational standards, demonstrating compliance with labour, health and safety, environmental and business standards.	All producers and brands
Fairtrade Textile Standard	Supports fair trade and ethical production for the textile supply chain. It aims to provide fair wages and better working conditions for workers, as well as equitable trading conditions.	Ethically committed brands Fairtrade retailers Consumers

ISO 14001	International standard for environmental management systems, providing a framework for manufacturers to control the environmental impact and use of resources for production.	Textile manufacturers Factories
SA8000	An international social accountability standard that shows an organisation's commitment to international labour standards to ensure the wellbeing of workers.	Producers Ethical brands
BCI (Better Cotton Initiative)	Developing responsible cotton production, by promoting sustainable cotton farming, making better working conditions for farmers and better for the environment.	Cotton textile producers Brands