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Step by Step of your certification according to GOTS, all Textile Exchange Standards as OCS, GRS, RCS, RDS, RWS, RMS, RAS and/or IVN-BEST

Standard requirements

Please read the standard requirements carefully and check which areas in your company need adjustments in order to comply with the respective standards. If you have any questions, we are always available to assist you. Alternatively, you can also contact the respective standard provider directly.

Application and offer

Complete the application form and send it to us along with a brief description of your work processes. Please ensure that all relevant data, including information about your subcontractors (address, number of employees, process steps), is provided correctly. Don't forget to sign the application form. Once we have reviewed your application, you will receive a non-binding offer for the audit and certification.

Certification contract

If you accept the offer, we will send you the certification contract along with an invoice for the advance payment specified in the offer.

Audit preparation

After receiving the signed certification contract and the advance payment, the responsible auditor will contact you to schedule the audit. You will also receive our management plan, which must be completed before the audit. Additionally, you will receive an audit plan detailing the process, timeline, required documents, and persons involved in the audit. The auditor will be available to assist you with any further questions regarding the audit preparation.

On-Site Audit

The audit includes a document review, a site inspection, and interviews with employees. In many cases, improvements are required to be made before certification can be granted. At the end of the audit, the auditor will discuss the necessary corrective actions with you and set a deadline for implementation, usually between 2–4 weeks. After the audit is completed, you will receive the final invoice for the audit and certification.

Certification

Once you have implemented the required corrective actions and provided the necessary evidence to the auditor, a Certification Officer will review all documents once again. If the Certification Officer agrees with the auditor's assessment and the invoice has been fully paid, we will complete the certification process. You will receive your certificate, valid for 12 months, and we will register you with the respective standard provider.

Important Guidelines:

- The certification must be completed within 60 days after the audit. If the corrective actions are not implemented within the deadline, a new audit will be required.
- Only after successful certification may you label and advertise your products in accordance with the respective standard.