

GOTS Version 8.0 Released

Dear Sir or Madam,
Dear Customer,

In today's customer newsletter, we would like to inform you that GOTS has released the new version 8.0 and share the most important changes with you.

1 GOTS VERSION 8.0 – KEY UPDATES FOR A RESPONSIBLE TEXTILE SUPPLY CHAIN

The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) has released version 8.0—a significant update to the world's leading standard for the processing of textiles made from organically produced natural fibers. The new version strengthens numerous environmental and social requirements throughout the entire supply chain—from the fiber to the finished end product.

An overview of the most important changes:

Expanded responsibility in the supply chain

GOTS 8.0 introduces mandatory due diligence processes in accordance with OECD guidelines. This provides companies with greater guidance regarding growing regulatory requirements, particularly in the areas of sustainability and governance.

Stricter environmental and product safety criteria

The new version includes, among other things:

- Stricter requirements for air emissions and waste management
- Clearer requirements for greenhouse gas accounting (Scope 1 & 2)
- Improved residue and GMO analyses
- Expanded requirements for chemical management, including M-RSL and PFAS limits
- New assessment criteria for endocrine disruptors

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Focus on the Circular Economy

GOTS-certified products can now remain certified throughout their entire lifecycle—including repair, resale, or other circular business models. New requirements regarding durability, robustness, and microfiber management have also been incorporated.

Stronger social criteria

Requirements for the protection of workers—such as against extreme heat or other climate-related risks—have been further expanded.

New Packaging Criteria

GOTS 8.0 includes comprehensive rules on the use of sustainable packaging materials and the avoidance of harmful substances.

Accompanying Documents and Guidelines

In addition to the standard, the Manual for Implementation and detailed change logs have been revised to provide certified companies with greater transparency and support.

Important documents:

- https://global-standard.org/images/resource-library/documents/standard-and-manual/GOTS_v8.0_signed.pdf
- https://global-standard.org/images/Manual_for_the_Implementation_of_GOTS_v8.0_signed.pdf
- https://global-standard.org/images/resource-library/documents/standard-and-manual/Change_Log_GOTS_v7_to_v8_signed.pdf
- https://global-standard.org/images/resource-library/documents/standard-and-manual/Change_Log_GOTS_Manual_from_v7.2_to_v8.0_signed.pdf

IMPORTANT: Transition Period

GOTS Version 8.0 will become fully mandatory as of **March 1, 2027**, following a transition period.

We recommend that all clients familiarize themselves with the new requirements well in advance and—if necessary—gradually adapt their internal processes.

Kiwa BCS is currently undergoing the **accreditation process for Version 8.0** and is expected to be able to conduct the first GOTS audits under the new version starting in **fall 2026**. As soon as our internal documents are updated—particularly the operational description—we will make them available to you promptly so that you can prepare optimally for the transition.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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