

# TEXTILE EXCHANGE CERTIFICATION

**Textile Exchange is a global non-profit that works closely with our members to drive industry transformation in preferred fibers, integrity and standards, and responsible supply networks.**



Today's consumers are becoming more sustainability conscious through the products they buy. Global brands are using their influence by making commitments and encouraging innovation in the use of sustainable materials throughout their value chain. In this competitive business environment, suppliers and manufacturers are looking to differentiate on the global trade market through independent certification of their materials and product sustainability claims.

## The need for sustainable fashion

At the 2019 Textile Exchange Sustainability conference, more than 36 major brands pledged to achieve sustainable cotton by 2025. This pledge shows that there is a demand for more sustainable fashion and that companies are willing to help drive these practices across the sector.

## Why Textile Exchange certification?

Textile Exchange identifies and shares best practices regarding farming, materials, processing, traceability, and product end-of-life in order to reduce the textile industry's impact on the world's water, soil and air, and the human population. They influence the textile industry across the supply chain through their partnerships and collaborations, building knowledge and capacity to inform and educate. Their goals include:

- Embed sustainability into evolving business and supply chain strategies
- Make it easier for companies to adapt to changing opportunities and requirements in textile sustainability
- Ensure that actions taken toward sustainability result in real and meaningful change

Textile Exchange developed several important industry standards, including:

- Content Claim Standard (**CCS**) sets the requirements for certifying the chain of custody of third parties. CCS supports all Textile Exchange standards and ensures chain of custody integrity from raw material to finished product.
- Global Recycled Standard (**GRS**) establishes requirements for third-party certification of recycled content, chain of custody, social and environmental management, and restrictions on the use of chemicals. The goal of GRS is to increase the use of recycled materials in products and reduce/eliminate damage caused by their production.
- Recycled Claim Standard (**RCS**) sets the requirements for third-party certification of recycled content and chain of custody. The goal of RCS is to increase the use of recycled materials.
- Organic Content Standard (**OCS**) is

an international, voluntary standard that sets requirements for third-party certification of certified organic input and chain of custody. The goal of the OCS is to increase organic agriculture production.

## How Intertek can help

Intertek is globally accredited to deliver certifications against GRS, RCS, CCS and OCS standards. With more than 20 years of experience in delivering end-to-end solutions, we are a trusted partner that helps organizations mitigate supply chain risk and protect their brand.

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