



FAQ for customers not having GOTS registration

1. What is GOTS registration

It is the process by which a textile operator such as a spinner, knitter, weaver, processor, garment manufacturer, trader, or exporter gets certified by an approved certification body to comply with the Global Organic Textile Standard. GOTS is often called “registration”, but technically it is certification, not mere registration.

2. Who has to be registered in GOTS

GOTS registration is required for every operator in the supply chain, except retailers selling to end consumers, including:

- Ginners
- Spinners
- Knitters / Weavers
- Fabric processors (dyeing, printing, finishing)
- Garment manufacturers
- Traders / exporters / importers

3. What are the advantages of certification under GOTS

Once certified, the entity is authorized to:

- Handle organic fibres (e.g., organic cotton, wool)
- Use the GOTS logo and label (subject to approval)
- Sell products as GOTS-certified organic textiles in domestic and international markets

4. What are the key requirements for certification under GOTS?

➤ Organic Fibre Content

- Minimum 70% certified organic fibres for “GOTS certified”
- ≥95% organic fibres for “organic” grade

➤ Chemical Restrictions

- Prohibition of hazardous chemicals (AZO dyes, heavy metals, formaldehyde, etc.)
- Only GOTS-approved chemicals allowed

➤ Environmental Criteria

- Wastewater treatment
- Energy and resource management
- Environmental management system

➤ Social Criteria (Based on ILO Norms)

- No child or forced labour
- Safe and hygienic working conditions
- Freedom of association
- Living wage expectations

➤ **Traceability & Documentation**

- Transaction Certificates (TCs)
- Lot-wise production records
- Input–output reconciliation

5. What are the advantages of registration under GOTS?

- Access to international organic markets
- Credibility and consumer trust
- Compliance with major brand requirements
- Premium pricing opportunities
- Legal use of the GOTS logo

6. Who can use GOTS certificate number of Purecotz

Using another entity's number is allowed only for transparent consumer information, not for certification claims by the brand.

- A brand doing only B2C sales
- A brand whose turnover of B2B is less than Euro 20000

7. What is the procedure of using certificate number of Purecotz

- Confirm by giving a declaration in prescribed format
- File "Retailer's declaration for use of GOTS logo" to GOTS on retailer.declaration@global-standard.org and get a confirmation.

8. What is the declaration required to be given for using certificate number of Purecotz ?

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9. What are the consequences of misuse of logo of manufacturer by the brand?

- Major non-conformity in audit of manufacturer
- Suspension of manufacturer's certificate
- Market withdrawal of products
- Brand compliance action by buyers