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STANDARD SPECIFIC DETAILS
FOR CONSULTATION**

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TE-TXL-POL-204 Standard Specific Details for Scope and Transaction Certificates will undergo a review process at least every five years. Points of clarification may be incorporated into supplementary and guidance documents prior to the next review. More substantive feedback or suggested changes will be collected and assessed as part of the next review of the document.

Any uncertainty regarding the correct interpretation of a criterion should be resolved by the “Notes and Examples” content, where possible. You may submit feedback to Textile Exchange’s standards system at any time via this form or by sending an email to standards@textileexchange.org.

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A. About the Document

This document includes details specific to each Textile Exchange standard which are relevant for the issuance of scope and transaction certificates.

This document is intended to be used alongside *TE-TXL-POL-204 Policy for Scope and Transaction Certificates*, as applicable and does not represent all criteria related to scope and transaction certificates. Please see section A2 for more information.

Notes for Consultation

This draft of TE-TXL-POL-203 is being released for public consultation and feedback and shows information for the *Organic Content Standard (OCS)* and *Global Recycled Standard (GRS)* based on current active criteria. Criteria for other Textile Exchange standards including the *Materials Matter Standard* will be added in the final version.

Criteria for current Textile Exchange standards are included in this document because it is expected that *TE-TXL-POL-204 Policy for Scope and Transaction Certificates* will be used with these standards as a transitional measure.

Many references to Textile Exchange documents included in this draft are made as references to current Textile Exchange documents and will be updated for the final published policy.

NOTE: Any notes included in criteria within the ‘Consultation Notes’ section are limited to this document and will not apply to the final publication of TE-TXL-POL-204.

NOTE: All incomplete dates will be populated in the final version of the of this policy (e.g. “[Month DD, YYYY]” in A1.1.1).

A1. Implementation

The following implementation timelines apply:

A1.1.1 *TE-TXL-POL-204* is effective [Month DD, YYYY], and may be used immediately.

CONSULTATION NOTE:

- 1) The implementation timelines for *TE-TXL-POL-204* will align with the implementation timelines of *TE-TXL-POL-203*.

A1.1.2 The mandatory implementation date for *TE-TXL-POL-204* is [Month DD, YYYY]. All audits and assessments conducted on or after [Month DD, YYYY] shall be conducted using *TE-TXL-POL-204*.

CONSULTATION NOTE:

- 1) The mandatory implementation timelines for *TE-TXL-POL-204* will align with the mandatory implementation timelines of *TE-TXL-POL-203*.
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A2. Document References

All organizations are subject to the criteria of the following documents, and it is essential that they are used alongside this document. All can be found at TextileExchange.org/knowledge-center. Where a specific version of a document is referenced, this is to ensure clarity in referencing specific criteria and does not supersede mandatory implementation dates for future versions of the document. The latest version of referenced documents, including any amendments (e.g. calibrations), applies for those without a version number.

A2.1.1 *TE-TXL-POL-203 Policy for Scope and Transaction Certificates* – Policy with criteria for certification bodies to issue scope and transaction certificates. TE-TXL-POL-204 acts as a supporting document to TE-TXL-POL-203.

A2.1.2 *TE-TXL-DAT-501 Material, Processes, and Products Classification (TE-TXL-DAT-501)* – The classification guide for materials, processes, and products, including classification codes used for Textile Exchange Standards.

CONSULTATION NOTE:

- 1) This document is currently coded and named as *ASR-213 Materials, Processes, and Products Classification (ASR-213)*.

A2.1.3 [*TE-301 Standards Claims Policy \(TE-301\)*](#)

A2.1.4 [*TE-302 Logo Use and Claims Specifications \(TE-302\)*](#)



A2.1.5 [*ASR-106 Accepted Equivalent Standards \(ASR-106\)*](#)

Section 1 – Claims Categories and Material Content Criteria

Note for Consultation: Information is limited to the OCS and GRS standards for consultation purposes. The final document will include information for all Textile Exchange standards including the Materials Matter Standard.

1.1. Organic Content Standard (OCS)

1.1.1 Basic details and claims categories for the Organic Content Standard (OCS) are outlined in the table below:

Standard Full Name	Organic Content Standard
Standard Acronym	OCS
Version Number	V3.0
Allowable Dates	From March 1, 2020
Audit Report Template Provided by Textile Exchange	No
Claims Category	Logo to Include on Certificates
OCS (OCS 100)	OCS 100 Logo 
OCS (OCS Blended)	OCS Blended Logo 
OCS (No Label)	No Logo

NOTES:

- 1) If both OCS 100 and OCS Blended products appear on the same certificate, both logos shall be included.
- 2) OCS (No label): The proportion of certified raw material shall not be labelled as certified content.

1.1.2 Material content criteria for the Organic Content Standard (OCS) are outlined in the table below:

Claims Category	Certified Content	Allowable Raw Materials (see ASR-213)	Blending Allowed	Mixing Allowed
OCS (OCS 100)	≥ 95%	All RM codes in organic	Yes	No
OCS (OCS Blended)	≥ 95%		Yes	Yes

OCS (OCS Blended)	$5\% \leq x < 95\%$	All RM codes in in-conversion	Yes	Yes
Not allowed to be certified	$< 5\%$		N/A	N/A
OCS (No Label)	$\geq 5\%$		N/A	N/A
Not allowed to be certified	$< 5\%$		N/A	N/A

NOTES:

- 1) Not allowed to be certified: The proportion of raw material shall not be certified and shall not appear on the scope or transaction certificate as a certified product.
- 2) All claims categories are case sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.
- 3) If a product contains in-conversion material and qualifies for an OCS label due to organic content, the OCS 100 or OCS Blended claims category shall apply.

EXAMPLE:

- 1) A product with 10% in-conversion cotton (RM0103) and 90% organic cotton (RM0104) shall have the OCS Blended claims category specified.

- 1.1.3** Geographic origin information for inputs without OCS transaction certificates shall be determined as follows:

Input materials	Source of Geographic Origin Information
Unprocessed organic or in-conversion farm inputs	Farm locations, as specified on the scope certificate
GOTS certified inputs	Geographic origin specified on input GOTS transaction certificate

- 1.1.4** For OCS products, the origin facility shall be the organic farm and the origin organization shall be the certified farm organization (e.g. farm group). This data is optional and may be replaced with “na”.



CONSULTATION NOTE:

- 1) Details may be adjusted for the final version, since organic farms and farm groups do not currently have TE-IDs.

1.2. Global Recycled Standard (GRS)

- 1.2.1** Basic details and claims categories for the Global Recycled Standard (GRS) are outlined in the table below:

Standard Full Name	Global Recycled Standard
Standard Acronym	GRS
Version Number	V4.0

Allowable Dates	Scope certificates issued between July 1, 2017 and [Month DD, YYYY], with expiry no later than [Month DD, YYYY].
Audit Report Template Provided by Textile Exchange	No
Claims Category	Logo to Include on Certificates
GRS	GRS Logo 
GRS (No Label)	GRS Logo (Optional) 

NOTES:

- 1) GRS (No label): The proportion of certified raw material shall not be labelled as certified content.

CONSULTATION NOTE:

- 1) Allowable dates will be aligned to the mandatory implementation of the Materials Matter Standard.

1.2.2 Material content criteria are outlined in the table below:

Claims Category	Certified Content	Allowable Raw Materials (see ASR-213)	Blending Allowed	Mixing Allowed
GRS	$\geq 50\%$	All RM codes in recycled pre-consumer or recycled post-consumer <u>not</u> marked VR2	Yes	Yes
GRS (No Label)	$20\% \leq x < 50\%$		Yes	Yes
Not allowed to be certified	$< 20\%$		N/A	N/A
GRS (No Label)	$\geq 20\%$	All RM codes in recycled pre-consumer or recycled post-consumer <u>marked</u> VR2	Yes	Yes
Not allowed to be certified	$< 20\%$		N/A	N/A

NOTES:

- 1) Not allowed to be certified: The proportion of raw material shall not be certified and shall not appear on the scope or transaction certificate as a certified product.
- 2) All claims' categories are case sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

1.2.3 Origin information for inputs for the Global Recycled Standard (GRS) shall be determined as follows:

Material	Source of Geographic Origin Information for First Transaction Certificate	Origin Facility	Origin Organization
Recycled Material	Location of collection of reclaimed materials, as specified on the material declaration form (MDF) e.g. Location of the collector or of the facility producing pre-consumer waste	Collector or facility producing pre-consumer waste	Concentrator or direct supplier to the recycler

Section 2 – Content Claim Standard

2.1. Content Claim Standard (CCS)

2.1.1 Basic details for the Content Claim Standard (CCS) are outlined in the table below:

Standard Full Name	Content Claim Standard
Standard Acronym	CCS
Version Number	V3.1
Allowable Dates	From July 1, 2021
Audit Report Template Provided by Textile Exchange	No
Claims Category	Determined based on the standard used as the basis for claims. See Section 1 –for Textile Exchange Standards and Section 3 –for Standards with Equivalency Recognition

Section 3 – Standards with Equivalency Recognition

This section provides details of standards with equivalency recognition for Textile Exchange standards. Textile Exchange scope and transaction certificates shall not be issued to these standards, though they may be accepted as allowable inputs. For further information, see ASR-106.

3.1. Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)

3.1.1 Basic details and claims categories for the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) are outlined in the table below:

Recognized Equivalency For	Organic Content Standard (OCS)
Equivalent Standard Full Name	Global Organic Textile Standard
Equivalent Standard Acronym	GOTS

Version Number	V6.0 and V7.0
Allowable Dates	From the standard version effective dates
Equivalency Type	Full equivalency
Equivalent Standard Has Transaction Certificates	Yes
Source of Origin Information	See 1.1.3 and 1.1.4
Additional Criteria	See ASR-106

Appendix A – Definitions

Refer to [TE-101 Terms and Definitions for Textile Exchange Standards and Related Documents](#) for definitions of terms used in these procedures. Key definitions are included below. Defined terms are shown in italics in the first usage in this document, and in some other uses for clarity.

Term	Definition
Blending	The process of combining different raw material or fiber types (e.g. cotton blended with elastane) into a single product or component.
Mixing	The process of combining raw materials of the same type but with different attributes into a single product (e.g. certified organic cotton and conventionally produced cotton).