



Recycled Claim Standard 2.0 and Global Recycled Standard 4.0

The Recycled Claim Standard 2.0 and Global Recycled Standard were released on July 1, 2017. This document is intended to highlight the significant changes made in the updated versions of RCS 2.0 and GRS 4.0.

Summary Structure – Listed below are the various documents and supporting materials that make up the standards' systems:

- Recycled Claim Standard 2.0
- Recycled Claim Standard Implementation Manual 2.0
- Global Recycled Standard 4.0
- Global Recycled Standard Implementation Manual 4.0
- RCS and GRS Logo Use and Labeling Guide
- Scope and Transaction Certificate policies and templates
- Content Claim Standard 2.0 (*compliance with requirements from the CCS shall follow the same implementation schedule as the CCS 2.0 and any new versions released*)

Key Updates:

A key change in both standards is the introduction of the Reclaimed Materials Supplier Agreement. This document provides more visibility to the suppliers of reclaimed materials. Guidelines have been introduced for added clarity and consistency of recycling claims, including post-consumer and pre-consumer.

A key change in the Global Recycled Standard 4.0 is the adoption of ZDHC's Manufacturing Restricted Substance List (MRSL). The MRSL has been developed by the industry to restrict manufacturer's use of potentially hazardous substances. The MRSL will replace GRS's previous Prohibited Substance List.

The Implementation Manuals for both RCS 2.0 and GRS 4.0 include new examples of accepted recycled inputs, updated wastewater limits, and additions and

Additional edits have been made for clarity and consistency with other Textile Exchange Standards.

Companies currently certified to one of the standards will be required to comply with the new versions by July 1, 2018.

Transition Details:



As of July 1, 2018, certified companies renewing to the Recycled Claim Standard or Global Recycled Standard and all new certifications will be assessed in accordance with RDS 2.0 and GRS 4.0, respectively.

RCS 1.0 certified materials are allowed to be used as inputs into RCS 2.0 certified sites. RCS 2.0 certified materials are allowed to be used as inputs into RCS 1.0 certified sites.

GRS 3.0 certified materials are allowed to be used as inputs into GRS 4.0 certified sites. GRS 4.0 certified materials are allowed to be used as inputs into GRS 3.0 certified sites.