

# Responsible Wool Standard 2.0 Revision and Responsible Mohair Standard 1.0 IWG Call

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

## Topic(s):

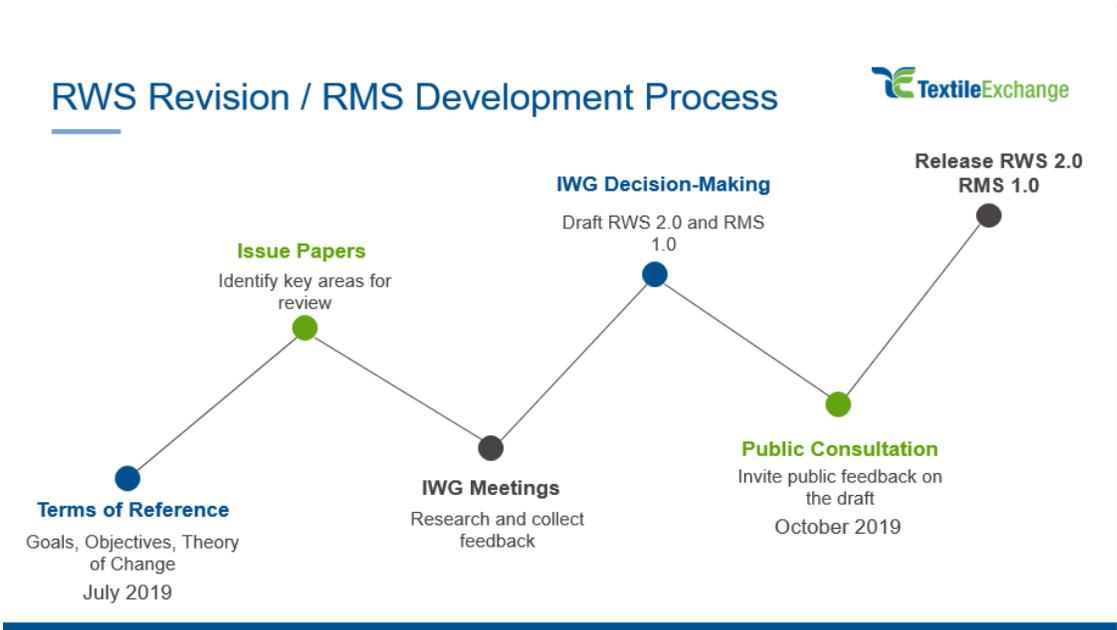
- RWS Revision / RMS Development Workplan
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## Attendees

- Name, Organization

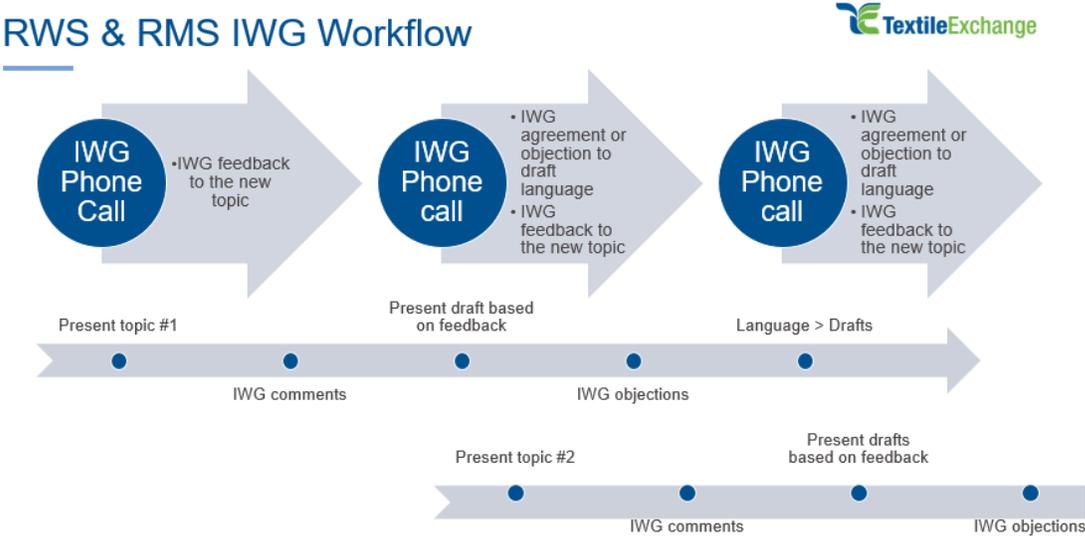
## Call Notes

- **RWS Revision / RMS Development Workplan**



A public stakeholder consultation has been held for the Responsible Wool Standard and the draft Responsible Mohair Standard. The feedback has been used to create the workplan. The first task of the IWG will be to define the Terms of Reference. Following this the IWG will review

and provide feedback on issues papers addressing the different topics and issues raised in the feedback. The revised standards will be approved by the IWG before being released for a public consultation.



Each IWG call will introduce a new topic as well as review feedback received on the previous topic.

The bulk of work will take place outside of the phone calls through the issues papers.

### RWS and RMS Revision Workplan\*



Date	Call Number	Topic
July 16, 2019	1	Intro to IWG, Terms of Reference
July 30, 2019	2	Final Terms of Reference, Certification Procedures, Topics
August 13, 2019	3	Nutrition, Living environment
September 3, 2019	4	Living environment, chemical management
September 10, 2019	5	Social
September 17, 2019	6	Animal management
September 24, 2019	7	Handling and transport, Optional slaughter module, M&E
October 1, 2019	8	Land management
October 14-25, 2019		Vote on final draft ( and in person meeting in Vancouver)
October 25, 2019		Release for public stakeholder consultation

\*subject to change

The workplan has been developed based on feedback received to date.

There will be an in person meeting in Vancouver on the day before the start of the Textile Exchange conference. Attendance is not mandatory.

Q: Will there be pilot audits?

A: The RMS is currently being piloted on farms in South Africa. There may be pilot testing related to specific topics but not an extensive pilot auditing program like there was during the development of the RWS as the standard is now in active use.

- **IWG Charter**

## Charter

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Objectives of the IWG:

- Define the goals, objectives, and theory of change for the RWS /RMS, to be expressed in the RWS / RMS Terms of Reference.
  - Review the criteria of the RMS / RWS and create drafts, in accordance with the RWS / RMS Terms of Reference.
  - Support interpretation decisions and minor revisions following the release of the updated RWS / RMS.
  - Support the monitoring and evaluation of the Standard against the goals identified in the RWS / RMS Terms of Reference.
  - Support the success of the Organic Content Standard through identifying risks and opportunities.
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## Charter

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### Textile Exchange Responsibilities:

- Provide support and administer the process of the revision
- Keep us in line with best practice
- Maintain transparency of the process

### IWG Member Responsibilities:

- Represent your sector
- Participate and provide feedback
- Respect other IWG members

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As the standards owner Textile Exchange is also responsible for developing and maintaining the certification procedures and assurance system. The IWG will be informed of the Certification Procedures and can provide feedback.

### Decision making:

- Decision making through consensus.
- Vote on final draft.
- To vote, you need to sign the charter.

On the completion of the process three documents will be produced, 1. A final standard, 2. The standard Certification Procedures and 3. The User Manual. The IWG will vote on 1.

- **Terms of Reference**

## Terms of Reference

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- TOR defines the purpose and structure of a work of people who have agreed to work together to accomplish a shared goal.
    - Provides
      - Background,
      - Objectives,
      - Indicates the issues and
      - Purpose of a proposed project.
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## Terms of Reference

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- Table of Content:
    - Goals & Objectives
      - ✓ The goal of the Responsible Wool Standard is to ensure that wool comes from farms with a progressive approach to managing their land, and from sheep that have been treated responsibly
    - Scope
      - ✓ Does & Does not cover.
    - Needs Justification
      - ✓ Why we need?
    - Assumptions & Risk Assessment
    - Monitoring & Evaluation
      - ✓ KPIs.
      - ✓ Impact Evaluation (dependent on the goals).
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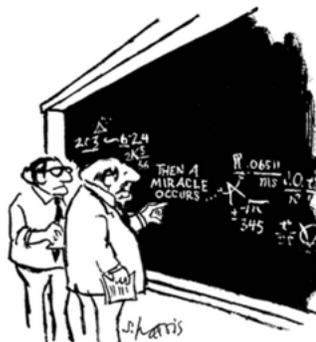
The first task of the IWG is to provide feedback on the goals, objectives and scope part of the Terms of Reference. Later calls will focus on risk assessment and monitoring and evaluation.

## Theory of Change, Goals, Objectives

### Theory of Change



- A Theory of Change articulates both:
  - WHAT the intended change is that an organisation or initiative or a standard is hoping to make and;
  - HOW its work brings about that change.
- Therefore a ToC maps out the causal chain or 'pathway' among strategies, outputs, outcomes, and impacts as well as the underlying assumptions.



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

Image credit: Sidney Harris

### RWS and RMS: Goals and Objectives



The goal of the Responsible Wool Standard is to ensure that wool comes from farms with a progressive approach to managing their land, and from sheep that have been treated responsibly.

The goal of the Responsible Mohair Standard is to ensure that mohair comes from farms with a progressive approach to managing their land, and from angora goats that have been treated responsibly.

The objectives of the Responsible Wool and the Responsible Mohair Standards are to:

- Reward and influence the wool industry to incentivize practices that respect the humane treatment of sheep and angora goats.
- Education and development of the supply chain in order to drive continuous improvement of best practices.
- Provide companies with a tool to know what is in their products, and to make accurate claims.
- Provide a tool for the industry to better understand animal welfare at the farm level.
- Ensure strong chain of custody for certified materials as they move through the supply chain.

The Goal of the RWS were developed as part of the original development of the standard. The RMS goals are aligned with these. The objectives are also in place from RWS 1.0 TOR. As part of the work that Textile Exchange has been undertaking on developing its organizational Theory of Change as well as for individual standards, the objectives have been further refined.

### *RMS & RWS objectives*

Reward and influence the wool industry to incentivize practices that respect the humane treatment of sheep and angora goats.

- *By recognizing and rewarding the best practices of farmers the aim is to broaden the adoption of these practices more broadly as well as to provide a mechanism to demonstrate the role that wool and mohair can play as preferred materials.*

Education and development of the supply chain in order to drive continuous improvement of best practices.

- *The RWS/RMS is a mechanism for disseminating information on new developments in the field of animal welfare. Through the revision process, new developments are incorporated into the standard. Recommendations are included in the standard to signal intent to the supply chain on likely new requirements.*

Provide companies with a tool to know what is in their products, and to make accurate claims.

- *Consumer demand for higher animal welfare products, both food and non-food, is an increasing global trend. By providing a system for identify preservation of certified material consumers are able to make informed choices and show their support for higher animal welfare products.*

Provide a tool for the industry to better understand animal welfare at the farm level.

- *As a global standard applicable to a range of different production systems standards and practices will vary. The RWS/RMS plays an important role as a tool to communicate animal welfare practices to relevant stakeholders.*

Ensure strong chain of custody for certified materials as they move through the supply chain.

- *Providing a chain of custody mechanism allows for a higher degree of confidence in claims.*

Scope: See Draft Terms of Reference document for details.

- **Feedback summary**



## Feedback summary

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### Feedback on requirements

- Nutrition: e.g. body condition scoring, deprivation periods
- Living environment: e.g. space allowances, flooring, natural light, access to outdoors
- Animal Management: e.g. inspection frequency, parasite control, castration and taildocking, shearing, steining/mulesing, breeding strategy.
- Land Management: wildlife conflict, applicability of fertilizer and pesticide use requirements, water management.

### General feedback

- Certification procedures (NC Levels, risk based auditing, chain of custody approaches)
- Farming systems (nomadic herders)
- Scope (live shipping, shearing, chemical residues, social issues)

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See summary document for full details. Responses to the feedback will be provided through the process in line with the topical work-plan. Feedback related to certification procedures and the chain of custody system will be recorded and responses provided but the governance and oversight of these topics sit within the Textile Exchange Standards Scheme Management and the Content Claim Standard IWG (for chain of custody matters).

## Follow-Up:

### Requests for feedback

- Terms of Reference: Provide feedback on the Terms of Reference Goals, objectives and scope by 29 July.
- Feedback on the standards is still welcome!

### Join the IWG

To join the IWG, sign and return the Charter.

- **Reminders for next call**

The next call will take place on 30 July at 3pm BST/10 am EDT. Joining instructions will be sent out by Textile Exchange Communications and also posted on [www.responsiblewool.org](http://www.responsiblewool.org)