

# Terms and Definitions for Textile Exchange Standards and Related Documents

This document provides definitions which are used throughout Textile Exchange standards and other related documents. Key definitions may also be included in the applicable document.

NOTE: Existing definitions from published standards have not been changed, even where different definitions are used in different documents. Definitions will be adapted and merged through the next revision process for each standard.

## Section A - Textile Exchange Standards and Documents

For a complete list of documents see *TE-201 Document List*.

Document Name	Acronym	Document Code*
Content Claim Standard	CCS	CCS-101-V2.0-2016.01.01
Global Recycled Standard	GRS	GRS-101-V4.0-2017.07.01
Organic Content Standard	OCS	OCS-101-V2.0-2016.01.01
Recycled Claim Standard	RCS	RCS-101-V2.0-2017.07.01
Responsible Down Standard	RDS	RDS-101-V3.0-2019.07.01 RDS-101-V2.0-2014.01.01
Responsible Wool Standard	RWS	RWS-101-V1.0-2016.06.01
Accreditation and Certification Procedures for Textile Exchange Standards	ACP	ASR-101-V2.0-2019.10.01 ASR-101-V1.0-2013.02.01

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## Section B - Synonyms

Textile Exchange Term	ISO 17065/17011 Term	Other Terms Used
Accreditation Body (AB)	Accreditation Body	Oversight Body
Audit	Evaluation	
Auditor	Auditor	Inspector, Evaluator
Certification Body (CB)	Conformity Assessment Body (CAB)	Certifier*, Assurance Provider
Non-Conformity (NC)	Nonconformity	Corrective Action Request (CAR), Non-Conformity Report (NCR), Non-Compliance, Non-Conformance
Site	Client	Unit, Certified Entity, Organization, Operator
Standard	Certification Scheme	

NOTE: Terms marked with a \* may also have other uses.

NOTE: Accreditation bodies and certification bodies may choose to use alternative terms to the ones listed, provided that the meaning is clear in the context of Textile Exchange’s systems.

The following verbal forms are used to indicate requirements, recommendations, permissions, or capabilities in all documents listed in Section A:

1. “shall” indicates a requirement
2. “should” indicates a recommendation
3. “may” indicates a permission
4. “can” indicates a possibility or capability

The abbreviation “e.g.” is used to indicate an example, while the abbreviation “i.e.” is used to provide clarification of meaning.

## Section C - Relevant Organizations

The following external organizations may be referenced in Textile Exchange documents.

Organization	Acronym	Website
Global Organic Textile Standard	GOTS	<a href="http://www.global-standard.org">www.global-standard.org</a>
International Accreditation Forum	IAF	<a href="http://www.iaf.nu">www.iaf.nu</a>
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements	IFOAM	<a href="http://www.ifoam.bio">www.ifoam.bio</a>
International Labour Organization	ILO	<a href="http://www.ilo.org">www.ilo.org</a>
International Organization for Standardization	ISO	<a href="http://www.iso.org">www.iso.org</a>
ISEAL Alliance	ISEAL	<a href="http://www.isealalliance.org">www.isealalliance.org</a>
Transparency International	-	<a href="http://www.transparency.org">www.transparency.org</a>
United States Department of Agriculture	USDA	<a href="http://www.usda.gov">www.usda.gov</a>

## Section D - Definitions

Terms used in Textile Exchange Standards and related documents are defined below. Key documents are referenced for each term, though references to the term apply across all Textile Exchange documents except where noted. Acronyms are specified in brackets.

NOTE: Where a separate definition is indicated with a reference to a standard for a particular term, that definition applies to the specified standard only. Definitions will be merged during the next revision of the relevant standard.

Term	Document	Definition
<b>Accessory</b>	CCS, OCS	Supplemental items added to a product for decorative reasons (e.g. embroidery).

		(CCS) Supplemental items added to a product for decorative or functional reasons (e.g. embroidery, buttons, zippers). May also be referred to as a “trim.”
<b>Accreditation</b>	ACP, CCS	<p>A third-party attestation that a <i>certification body</i> is competent to carry out specific <i>certification</i> activities. Achieving accreditation gives a certification body the authority to grant certification to a <i>standard</i>.</p> <p>(CCS) A procedure by which an authoritative body evaluates and gives formal recognition that a <i>certification</i> program of a <i>certification body</i> is in accordance with a given standard. Achieving accreditation gives certification bodies the authority to grant certification to a standard.</p>
<b>Accreditation Body (AB)</b>	ACP	An authorized third-party carrying out <i>assessment</i> and <i>accreditation</i> in accordance with the provisions set out in the ACP. An authorized accreditation body may issue accreditations.
<b>Announced Audit</b>	RDS, RWS	<p>The <i>site</i> is contacted in advance to set a date for the on-site <i>audit</i>.</p> <p>(RWS) The <i>site</i> is contacted well in advance to set a date for the on-site <i>audit</i>.</p>
<b>Area</b>	RDS	A clearly defined geographical area from which <i>claimed material</i> is purchased. An area does not need to be contiguous.
<b>Area Certification</b>	RDS	Certification of the supply <i>area</i> . The organization purchasing from the area is the <i>certified organization</i> .
<b>Assessment</b>	ACP	Process undertaken by an <i>accreditation body</i> to assess the quality and competence of a certification body based on a defined scope of <i>accreditation</i> .
<b>Assessor</b>	ACP	An accreditation body representative who conducts <i>assessments</i> .
<b>Audit</b>	ACP, CCS, RWS	<p>An evaluation undertaken by a <i>certification body</i> to verify conformity with a <i>Standard</i>. It may be conducted on-site or remotely and may involve visual inspection, interviews and/or document reviews.</p> <p>(CCS) A means to verify compliance with a standard. It can involve visual inspection, interviews, and/or document reviews.</p> <p>(RWS) A means to verify compliance with a standard. Audits can be on-site audits, desk audits (review of documents) or a combination of both.</p>

<b>Audit Day</b>	Fee schedule	A single calendar day (up to 24 hours) spent auditing sites that fall under the control of a single <i>Internal Control System (ICS)</i> . Does not include transit time to and from the site location or <i>confirmation visits</i> .
<b>Auditor</b>	ACP, CCS	A <i>certification body</i> representative who conducts <i>audits</i> .  (CCS) A person that examines and evaluates compliance with a standard.
<b>Batch Code Labels</b>	CCS-BNC	Permanently affixed marks that include certain identifying information of the CCS Product (e.g. <i>Brand</i> licensing number and <i>batch code number</i> ). “Permanently affixed” means the label is reasonably expected to remain on the product during the useful life of the product (e.g. sewn in labels, printed on product) and be durable enough to last for the anticipated lifespan of the product if consumers follow the care and handling instructions.
<b>Batch Code Number</b>	CCS-BNC	The <i>CCS Product’s</i> unique batch, run, or lot manufacturing number used to directly associate them with a TC issued from the final <i>processor</i> to the <i>brand</i> . Unique individual product serial numbers or purchase order numbers may also qualify.
<b>Bird</b>	RDS	See <i>waterfowl</i>
<b>Blend</b>	CCS	A combination of <i>claimed materials</i> and other materials.
<b>Brand</b>	CCS	An organization that controls the design, development, and purchase of products for sale under their own name. Brands may sell to wholesalers, retailers, or directly to consumers. In the CCS, this refers to Post-Production organizations that own or are responsible for a finished CCS Product intended for sale to a consumer.
<b>Brand Network Certification (BNC)</b>	CCS-BNC	Certification of a <i>brand organization</i> where the post-production supply chain of their CCS product falls under a single <i>certification</i> . The brand organization is responsible for and controls the integrity of <i>CCS Product</i> through its <i>Internal Control System</i> .
<b>Carrying Capacity</b>	RWS	The average number of animals that can be placed on a pasture for a year without harming it. It is a measure of the pasture’s ability to produce enough forage to meet the requirements of grazing animals. It will be expressed as DSE/hectare.
<b>CCS Product</b>	CCS	See <i>claimed material</i>

		(CCS) Goods-in-process or finished products that have been certified to the CCS. CCS Products can also be referred to as CCS inputs and CCS outputs.
<b>Ceased Mulesing</b>	RWS	Wool from sheep where mulesing has ceased on the property. No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed. No purchased sheep are mulesed.
<b>Central Database System (CDS)</b>	ACP	Textile Exchange’s certification database system.
<b>Certification</b>	ACP, CCS	The provision by an independent <i>certification body</i> of written assurance (a <i>scope certificate</i> ) that the product, service or system in question meets specific requirements.
<b>Certification Body (CB)</b>	ACP, CCS, RDS, RWS	<p>An <i>accredited</i> third-party carrying out <i>auditing</i> and <i>certification</i> in accordance with the provisions set out in the applicable Standard and the ACP. An accredited certification body may issue <i>scope certificates</i> and <i>transaction certificates</i>.</p> <p>(CCS) An authorized third-party carrying out the audit and certification procedures in accordance with the provisions set out in this standard and the <i>Accreditation and Certification Procedures for Textile Exchange Standards</i>. They may issue Scope Certificates and Transaction Certificates.</p> <p>(RDS, RWS) An authorized third party carrying out audit and certification in accordance with the provisions set out in this Standard.</p>
<b>Certified Organization</b>	RDS	An <i>organization</i> which holds a <i>scope certificate</i> .
<b>Chain of Custody (CoC)</b>	CCS, RWS	<p>(CCS) A system to document and verify the path taken by a defined input material through all stages of transfer and production, to the final product. The chain of custody preserves the identity of the input material.</p> <p>(RWS) A system to document and control the path taken by a defined entry material through all stages of transfer and production, to the final product. The chain of custody preserves the identity of entry material.</p>
<b>Claim</b>	CCS	An oral, written, implied, representation, statement, advertising or other form of communication that is presented to the public or buyer that relates to the presence of a <i>claimed material</i> in the content of a product.

<b>Claimed Material</b>	CCS, RDSv3	The specific material that is being verified by the CCS or another Standard as a content claim in a product which is sold. A reference to a Standard followed by the word “Material” (eg: RDS Material) refers to material claimed under that Standard  (CCS) The specific material that is being verified by the CCS as a content claim in a final product.
<b>Collector</b>	RDS	A person or company that collects <i>down</i> and feather from <i>farms</i> and trades this to down traders and/or <i>processors</i> . A collector may work independently or under contract by another entity. In the context of RDS, collector refers to the small collector collecting from households and registered by the <i>certified organization</i> as an approved RDS collector.  NOTE: The term collector is used differently in the context of RCS and GRS. See <i>material collection</i> .
<b>Commingling</b>	CCS	Physical contact between certified and non-certified materials during production, processing, transportation, storage or handling up to the time the product is packaged for the consumer.
<b>Confirmation Visit</b>	RDS, RWS	The <i>site</i> receives less than one hour notification of the visit. Limited to a visual check for animal welfare conformity only. Done in addition to full <i>audits</i> .
<b>Content</b>	CCS	Proportion of a material in a product.
<b>Contract Slaughter Site</b>	RDS	A <i>slaughter site</i> which slaughters <i>birds</i> as a service to farmers. Following slaughter the birds are returned to the farmer.
<b>Corruption Perception Index (CPI)</b>	<i>None</i>	An indicator of public sector corruption which provides a numerical score to each country, ranging from 0 (worst) to 100 (best). Published annually by Transparency International.
<b>Down</b>	RDS	The fine plumage on a <i>waterfowl</i> that sits under the outer feathers. For simplicity, the term down refers to all plumage including feathers and down. All RDS requirements are applied to down and feathers.
<b>Facility</b>	SC Policy	See <i>site</i>
<b>Farm</b>	RDS, RWS	Any <i>site</i> where crops or livestock are raised for the production of food and/or textiles. Non-adjacent fields may be considered part of the same farm, provided they are under the same management (i.e. same farmer). For RDS: Limited to domestic <i>waterfowl</i> farms (for production of food and/or parent <i>waterfowl</i> ); includes <i>hatcheries</i> .

		<p>For RWS: Limited to sheep farms (for production of food and/or wool)</p> <p>(RWS) Any site where sheep are raised for food production or for their wool.</p>
<b>Farm Group</b>	RWS	(RWS) A group of farmers that has similar farming practices, is located in the same geographical region, and is managed by an Internal Control System. Farmer groups can be cooperatives, associations, or similar organizations. The farm group can be self-organized and run by members, or organized by a separate entity such as a <i>trader</i> or broker.
<b>Final Processor</b>	CCS	The certified Organization that performs the final point of product transformation – including any addition of hangtags or product labeling that indicates Certification – before sale to consumers.
<b>First Processor</b>	ACP	<p>The certified Organisation that performs the first point of product transformation following the harvest or collection of the raw material.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For GRS and RCS, this refers to the material recycler;</li> <li>• For OCS, this refers to the earliest processing stage following the farm (the gin, for cotton);</li> <li>• For RDS, this refers to the slaughter site; and</li> <li>• For RWS, this refers to the earliest site processing wool after the farm (typically the scour).</li> </ul>
<b>Force-feeding</b>	RDS	Any form of feeding that forces the <i>waterfowl</i> to eat more than it wants/needs. In particular, this refers to manual intervention using mechanical equipment (tubes) to increase the fat content, often for the production of foie gras.
<b>Freelancer</b>	ACP	An individual who is hired by an <i>accreditation body</i> or a <i>certification body</i> to act as an <i>assessor</i> or an <i>auditor</i> on a contract/non-employee basis, but subject to the accreditation/certification body's procedures. A freelancer may not also conduct client recruitment or management activities (see: <i>subcontractor</i> ). An individual may be considered to be a freelancer if payment is made to a company (e.g. an incorporated consulting business), provided that the work is stipulated to be done by a named individual and that the business does not engage in client recruitment or management activities.
<b>Group</b>	ACP, RDS, RWS	A <i>scope certificate</i> which includes multiple, separately owned <i>sites</i> whose conformity with the standard falls under the responsibility of another separately owned legal entity with an <i>internal control system (ICS)</i> . The entity which manages the ICS is considered the

		<p><i>organization</i>. Group eligibility requirements are defined in each <i>Standard</i>.</p> <p>(RWS) A group of <i>sites</i> which are certified under a single <i>Internal Control System</i> according to the requirements of a <i>Standard</i>. The ICS is the <i>certified organization</i>, though all sites may be considered certified.</p>
<b>Group Member</b>	RDS	A <i>site</i> which is part of a <i>group certification</i> . The word ‘member’ may be used to refer to a group member.
<b>Hatchery</b>	RDS	Any <i>site</i> where <i>waterfowl</i> eggs are mechanically or naturally hatched to produce <i>waterfowl</i> .
<b>ICS Inspector</b>	RDS	A person responsible for conducting inspections of sites covered by an <i>ICS</i> .
<b>ICS Manager</b>	RWS	(RWS) The ICS manager (or management group) is responsible for the implementation of the ICS.
<b>Inputs</b>	CCS	All substances and materials used in the production of the <i>CCS product</i> .
<b>Internal Control System (ICS)</b>	CCS, RWS, RDS	<p>The system used by an <i>organization</i> for the oversight and management of conformity with a <i>Standard</i> for multiple <i>sites</i>, such as a <i>group</i>.</p> <p>(RWS) The system used by a certified <i>group</i> of sites to provide oversight of the group’s activities and conformance with the requirements of the standard.</p> <p>(CCS – D3) A <i>brand’s</i> system of control over certified and branded products through the post-production supply chain to final retail.</p>
<b>Internal Control System (ICS)</b>	RWS	(RWS) The system used by a <i>farm group</i> to provide oversight of the group’s activities and conformance with the requirements of the standard.
<b>Label</b>	CCS	Descriptive, informative or pictorial material on or accompanying a product or its immediate container.
<b>Live plucking</b>	RDS	Any form of removing <i>down</i> and feather from living <i>waterfowl</i> , including any form of molt harvesting.
<b>Material Collection</b>	GRS, RCS	Material Collection refers to the point in the recycling lifecycle when a Reclaimed Material is collected after its original use has ended (i.e.: it would have otherwise gone into the waste stream).



		<p>Entities involved in Material Collection may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who collect Post-Consumer Materials for sale to brokers</li> <li>Government organizations (e.g.: municipalities) that offer curbside recycling or operate transfer stations</li> <li>Brokers that purchase Pre/Post-Consumer Material from individuals, municipalities, or commercial operations for re-sale</li> <li>Commercial operations that collect their own Pre-Consumer Material from manufacturing operations</li> <li>Commercial operations that collect Post-Consumer Material (e.g.: retail stores)</li> </ul>
<b>Material Concentration</b>	GRS, RCS	<p>Material Concentration refers to the point in the recycling lifecycle when a waste material receives primary handling. This may include, but is not limited to, sorting, screening, basic contaminant removal, or baling. Material is still unprocessed at this stage, meaning it has not been physically or chemically altered beyond basic handling (e.g.: screening, crushing, or washing).</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government organization (e.g.: municipality)</li> <li>Non-profit organization</li> <li>Business entity (e.g.: brokers)</li> </ul>
<b>Material Recycling</b>	GRS, RCS	<p>Material Recycling refers to the point in the recycling lifecycle when a Reclaimed Material is processed into a Recycled Material.</p>
<b>Non-Conformity</b>	ACP, CCS	<p>Lack of conformity with the Standard or with applicable requirements.</p> <p>(CCS) Lack of conformity with the CCS standard.</p>
<b>On-Site Audit</b>	CCS	<p>The act of examining and evaluating conformity with a standard at the physical site. Also referred to as “Inspection” in other TE standards.</p>
<b>Operation</b>	CCS	<p>A step in the supply chain that receives, processes, packages or stores products covered by CCS</p>
<b>Organic Material</b>	OCS	<p>Any output of organic farms that has been certified by an accredited certification body to comply with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP), Regulation (EC) 834/2007, or any (other) organic standard that is approved in the IFOAM Family of Standards.</p>

<b>Organization</b>	ACP, CCS	A legal entity which is <i>certified</i> to or in the process of becoming certified to a <i>Standard</i> . A scope certificate is held by an organization, and an organization has one or more sites.  (CCS) Entity being certified to the CCS; involved in the manufacturing, handling, trading and processing of CCS Products. Organizations take legal ownership of CCS Products.
<b>Outsourcing</b>		The process of sending <i>claimed material</i> to a <i>subcontractor</i> for services to be provided.
<b>Pain Relief</b>	RWS	The administration of analgesic and local anesthetic drugs given with the aim of providing significant alleviation of pain.
<b>Parallel Production</b>	RDS, RWS	Carrying <i>claimed material</i> and other material of the same type (eg: down) at the same <i>site</i> , or carrying certified and non-certified livestock which fall under the same Standard on the same Farm.  (RDS) Carrying certified and non-certified waterfowl or down and feathers at the same location.  (RWS) Carrying certified and non-certified sheep on the same farm.
<b>Parent farm</b>	RDS	Any <i>farm</i> where <i>waterfowl</i> are kept for producing eggs. Any time RDS <i>down</i> is collected from a parent farm, the entire farm is subject to RDS certification.
<b>Personnel</b>		Individuals who work on behalf of a legal entity. Includes employees (staff), <i>freelancers</i> and <i>subcontracted</i> personnel.
<b>Pesticides</b>	RWS	Substances used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals. Pesticides include bactericides, baits, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, lures, rodenticides and repellents.
<b>Post-Consumer Material</b>	GRS, RCS	Material generated by households or by commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities in their role as end-users of the product that can no longer be used for its intended purpose. This includes returns of materials from the distribution chain. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Post-Production</b>	CCS	All activities that occur after final product manufacturing and before a product is sold to the final consumer (e.g. warehousing and distribution). Any addition of trims or accessories, packaging, and labeling are not post-production activities.

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<b>Pre-Consumer Material</b>	GRS, RCS	Material diverted from the waste stream during the manufacturing process. Excluded is the reutilization of materials such as rework, regrind or scrap generated in a process and capable of being reclaimed within the same process that generated it. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Primary Scope</b>	ACP	Certification or accreditation scope which covers primary activities of a standard which form the basis of a <i>claim</i> . This includes the farm (RDS, RWS) and/or first processing stage (OCS, RCS, GRS, RDS).
<b>Processor</b>	CCS	Entity engaged in construction or transformation of a product, including the addition of trims or accessories. Also referred to as a “manufacturer”.
<b>Producer</b>	CCS	Entity responsible for the production of inputs into the manufacturing process.
<b>Product Description</b>	CCS-BNC	The CCS Product’s unique identifier that distinguishes it from the Brand’s other products (e.g. SKU number, Product number, Style number).
<b>Product Integrity</b>	ACP	The soundness of a product with respect to a claim being made under a standard. This does not include the physical product quality or other attributes which fall outside the scope of the applicable standard(s).
<b>Products</b>	CCS	The physical goods that result from each stage of production. These can include finished or unfinished goods.
<b>Reclaimed Material</b>	GRS, RCS	Material that would have otherwise been disposed of as waste or used for energy recovery, but has instead been collected and reclaimed as a material input, in lieu of new primary material, for a recycling process. <sup>3</sup>
<b>Records</b>	CCS	The information in written, visual, or electronic form that documents the activities undertaken by a user to demonstrate accordance with requirements.
<b>Recycled Content</b>	GRS, RCS	Proportion, by mass, of recycled material in products or packaging. Only pre-consumer and post-consumer materials shall be considered as recycled content.

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<b>Recycled Material</b>	GRS, RCS	Material that has been reprocessed from reclaimed material by means of a manufacturing process and made into a final product or into a component for incorporation into a product. <sup>4</sup>
<b>Remote Audit</b>	CCS	The act of examining and evaluating conformity with a standard from somewhere other than the physical site (e.g. review of records submitted electronically, phone calls).
<b>Safety Data Sheet (SDS)</b>	GRS	A document accompanying a chemical product that contains information on potential hazards (e.g. health, environmental) and how to work safely with the product.
<b>Scheme Participant</b>		Legal entity which is involved with Textile Exchange and its Standards. Includes <i>certified organizations</i> , <i>certification bodies</i> , <i>accreditation bodies</i> , and Textile Exchange.
<b>Scope Certificate (SC)</b>	ACP, CCS, RWS	<p>A document issued by the <i>certification body</i> which verifies that an <i>organization</i> is competent to produce and sell specified <i>claimed materials</i> in conformity with a Standard. See <i>ASR-103 Policy for Scope Certificates</i>.</p> <p>(CCS) A document issued by the <i>certification body</i> that verifies that an <i>organization</i> is qualified to produce goods in compliance with a standard. Scope certificates list the products and/or product categories as well as the processing, manufacturing, and trading activities qualified under the scope of <i>certification</i> of the Organization.</p> <p>(RWS) A document issued by the <i>certification body</i> that verifies that a given <i>organization</i> is qualified to produce goods to the standard.</p>
<b>Secondary Scope</b>	ACP	<i>Certification</i> or <i>accreditation</i> scope which is not a <i>primary scope</i> , and which covers organizations who receive incoming transaction certificates. Additional requirements (e.g. environmental, chemical, social) may also apply to organizations with secondary scopes depending on the standard.
<b>Semi-announced audit</b>	RDS	On-site audit with limited notice provided.
<b>Site</b>	ACP, CCS, RWS, RDSv2	Any geographically distinct unit within a certificate scope. Locations which are geographically distinct or have different civic addresses are considered to be separate sites (see exception for <i>farms</i> ).

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	Fee schedule	<p><i>Subcontractors</i> are not considered to be sites. The word <i>facility</i> is used in some documents and has the same meaning as site. Includes: farms, <i>processors</i>, offices</p> <p>(CCS) A single functional unit of an Organization or a combination of units situated at one physical location, which is geographically distinct from other units of the same Organization.</p> <p>(RWS) A single farm, functional unit of an organization, or a combination of units situated at one locality, which is geographically distinct from other units of the same organization.</p>
<b>Slaughter</b>	RDSv3	Any <i>site</i> where livestock are killed for their meat. The slaughter process may happen at farms, small <i>facilities</i> or large-scale slaughterhouses.
<b>Standard</b>	ACP, CCS	<p>The relevant Textile Exchange-owned standard, which may be any of the following: the Content Claim Standard (CCS), Organic Content Standard (OCS), Recycled Claim Standard (RCS), Global Recycled Standard (GRS), Responsible Down Standard (RDS), Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) or any other standards that come under the ownership of Textile Exchange.</p> <p>(CCS) When capitalized, refers to this Standard (CCS Standard). A standard is a set of defined requirements that shall be attained to be awarded Certification.</p>
<b>Stocking Rate</b>	RWS	Stocking rate refers to the number of stock per hectare on a given piece of land during grazing season (for the sake of RWS, this will be one year). It will be expressed as DSE/hectare.
<b>Subcontractor</b>	ACP, CCS, fee schedule	<p>A legal entity hired by an <i>organization</i> to perform services (e.g. storage, processing) on a <i>claimed material</i>. Subcontractors take physical possession but not legal ownership of claimed materials, and are independent of the organization which <i>outsources</i> the material.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>An independant legal entity hired by an <i>accreditation body</i> to provide services related to <i>accreditation</i> activities, excluding <i>freelancers</i>.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>An independant legal entity hired by a <i>certification body</i> to provide services related to <i>certification</i> activities, excluding <i>freelancers</i>.</p>

		(CCS) An individual or company hired by a producer to perform services. The subcontractor shall not take ownership of the goods being processed. Subcontractors and their relevant processing and manufacturing steps become listed on the Scope Certificate of the certified Organization assigning the Certification.
<b>Supply Chain</b>	CCS	The progression of business entities involved in the supply and purchase of materials, goods or services from raw materials to the final product.
<b>Suspension</b>	ACP	The limitation of a <i>scope certificate</i> or <i>accreditation</i> due to a specific <i>non-conformity</i> or issue. A suspension may be lifted when the non-conformity or issue is resolved, and the scope certificate or accreditation becomes active again immediately.
<b>Trader</b>	CCS, RWS RDS v2	<p>(CCS) Entity trading (buying and selling, but not processing) product in the supply chain between the original Claimed Material source and the retail merchant of the final product, regardless of whether the goods are physically received (e.g. import, export or wholesale trading entities, or Brand distribution centers selling to other retailers). Agents that do not take ownership of the goods and retailers only selling to the end consumer are not considered as traders.</p> <p>(RWS) Entity trading (buying and selling, but not processing) RWS goods in the supply chain between the source of the wool and the retail merchant of the final product, regardless of whether the goods are physically received or not (e.g. import, export or wholesale trading entities, or brand distribution centers selling to other retailers). Agents that do not take ownership of the goods and retailers only selling to the end consumer are not considered as traders.</p>
<b>Transaction Certificate (TC)</b>	CCS, RWS RDSv2	<p>A document issued by a <i>certification body</i> that verifies that products being sold or shipped from one <i>organization</i> to another conform to a given Standard and may be treated as <i>claimed materials</i> by the receiver. See <i>ASR-104 Policy for Transaction Certificates</i>.</p> <p>(CCS) A document issued by the Certification Body that verifies that the goods being shipped from one Organization to the next conform to a given standard. See <i>ASR-104 Policy and Template for issuing Transaction Certificates (TCs)</i>.</p>

		(RWS) A document supplied by the Certification Body that verifies that the goods being shipped from one organization to the next conform to the 'Responsible Wool Standard'.
<b>Trim</b>	OCS	Supplemental items added to a product for functional reasons (e.g. buttons, zippers).
<b>Unannounced Audit</b>	RWS	On-site audit with minimal or no advance notice.  (RWS) The auditor gives a maximum of 2 months window within which the on-site audit may take place. At the beginning of the certification year the CB will advise the farmer of the window of time during which an on-site audit will happen, and that they are responsible to be present and have the required documents on hand during that time.
<b>Volume Reconciliation Calculation</b>	CCS	At each point along the supply chain the records shall demonstrate the balance between the inputs and the outputs containing the declared final amount of Claimed Material. The Certification Body will review Transaction Certificates as well as shipping invoices to verify that the amounts being claimed are accurate. Can also be referred to as "mass balance" in other standards.
<b>Waterfowl</b>	RDS	Domestically raised ducks and geese. Use of the word <i>bird</i> in the context of RDS refers to individual waterfowl.
<b>Withdrawal</b>	ACP	The revocation of a <i>scope certificate</i> or <i>accreditation</i> due to a specific non-conformity or issue, or at the request of the <i>accredited/certified</i> party. Following a withdrawal of accreditation/certification, a new <i>assessment/audit</i> is required for accreditation/certification to return to an active status.