Organic Content Standard 2.0 Revision
IWG Call

Date: February 24th, 2020

Topic(s):
Final Draft (Mulesing), User Manual and Certification Procedures

Call Notes

- Anti-Trust and Chatham House Rules
- This is call number 9 of 9 planned calls.

Agenda

- Introductions
- Housekeeping & Reminders
- OCS 3.0 Standard
  - Requirements around - Mulesing – Organic Wool (Sheep)
- OCS 3.0 User Manual &
- OCS 3.0 Certification Procedure
- Follow-up and Next Steps

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The OCS 3.0 was in the Public Draft Consultation period starting on October 8th and ending on December 8th, 2019.
Mulesing – Organic Wool (Sheep)

Mulesing is the practice of surgically removing the skin on the breech side of a lambs body to reduce the risk of flystrike.

With Organic Wool, IFOAM Laws prohibit the practice of mulesing (since 2015). With the OCS and GOTS, the input verification requires the input comes from the IFOAM family of standards. This means that OCS products could contain mulesed wool. The RWS (Responsible Wool Standard) prohibits mulesing and many brands have internal non-mulesed policies. We are including the above requirements into the OCS 3.0. The inputs must come from a farm where mulesing is not practiced or illegal in the country, or a farm with a ceased mulesing status (no lambs born on the farm will be mulesed).
Updates: OCS 3.0 Standard

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This final draft has been sent out via email. Please review it before the final voting occurs.

The supporting documents have been sent out. They include the User Manual, which provides in depth explanations for sections and how to read the sections and subsections for user and CBs.

Updates: OCS Certification Procedures
Section A - General Information

A1. About the Organic Content Standard

The Organic Content Standard (OCS) is an international, voluntary standard that provides chain of
custody verification for materials originating on a farm certified to recognized national organic
standards. The standard is used to verify organically grown raw materials from the farm to the final
product.

Individual sites are certified by independent third-party certification bodies using annual audits.
Material is tracked from the farm to the final product, following the requirements of Textile Exchange’s
Content Claim Standard (CCS). For more information, please visit: TextileExchange.org/Integrity.

A2. About Textile Exchange

The Organic Content Standard is owned and managed by Textile Exchange. Textile Exchange is a
global non-profit that works closely with our members to drive industry transformation in preferred
fibers, integrity and standards and responsible supply networks. We identify and share best practices
regarding farming, materials, processing, traceability and product end-of-life in order to reduce the
textile industry’s impact on the world’s water, soil and air, and the human population.

A3. About the Certification Procedures

The OCS Certification Procedures presents normative requirements for accreditation bodies and
certification bodies which are specific to the Organic Content Standard. These requirements are in
addition to the requirements for all Textile Exchange standards, which can be found in ASR-101
Accreditation and Certification Procedures for Textile Exchange Standards.

Section B - References

B1. Terms and Definitions

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

B2. Reference Documents

The following documents are key documents for conducting OCS certification. It is essential that they
are used alongside this document.

This document allows us to provide more detailed information about what is needed for CBs and ABs so that
the standard is simplified and intended for the brands and organizations implementing it.

 Scrolls through document: Section D:

• Requirements for CBs.
  o Making sure auditors have organic farm experience.

• GMO screening
  o Have a policy that defines the GMO testing being completed on organic cotton. Updates to
    when the testing needs to be done.

• Data and Reporting
  o Additional reporting that needs to be fulfilled for OCS in addition to the general data we collect.

• General Auditing Requirements for first processors.
  o Ex: needing to have cotton in the gins while the auditor is on site.

• Mulesing and ensuring the woolen inputs are non-mulesed
  o Defined 3 clear ways where non-mulesed status can be identified).

• Audit Duration
  o Minimum audit time per audit
Next Steps: Voting

**Important Dates**

- March 2 – March 6, 2020: Voting – OCS 3.0 Standard (Over email)
- March 6, 2020: Voting close.

**VOTING: Only for OCS 3.0 Standard**

**NO VOTING**: OCS Certification Procedures, OCS User Manual & GMO policy Feedback form IWG are welcome.

**Important Dates**

**February 28th**: Final Feedback Period Closes
**March 2 – March 6**: Voting via email (amish@textileexchange.org)
**March 6**: Voting closes
**March 2020**: OCS 3.0 Released

**Follow up**

Voting on OCS 3.0 (over email) until March 6th

- Please provide your ‘vote for’ or vote against’ the final draft
to Amish@TextileExchange.org copying Lee@TextileExchange.org