



GOTS provides a ready solution to retailers and consumers to make legitimate and verifiable sustainability claims for the textile products



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1) GOTS in India?

First GOTS certificate was issued in year 2008 in India. Since then, India has been the country with highest number of GOTS certified facilities in the world. India is the largest producer of organic cotton and the largest exporter of organic textiles as well.

Traditionally, organic textiles have been exported to the first world countries. But since last few years, GOTS certified organic textiles are being sold in Indian retail as well.

2) How Brands can benefit from GOTS?

Consumers are constantly become more conscious about environmental and social footprints for products they buy and choices they make. Certified organic provides a ready solution to retailers and consumers to make legitimate and verifiable sustainability claims for the textile products. GOTS label on the product means that organic fibres have been used, while the processing is done in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

3) How do foresee Role of Organic and Sustainable Products in International Market?

Major international brands have given a commitment to source 20-50% of their product range from sustainable fibres. Organic fibres are the best available option for the same. The production of

organic cotton has been constantly increasing in last 10 years. Similarly, GOTS certified textile facilities, which are engaged in processing of organic textiles, are increasing too. More and more brands are joining the bandwagon of certified organic products. You can see the cover of GOTS Annual Report for last five years. It features different international brands engaged in selling beautiful GOTS certified organic products.

4) GOTS growth in year 2018?

As of December 2018, there were 5,760 GOTS certified facilities in 64 countries across the world. The top five countries are India, Bangladesh, Turkey, Germany and Italy. As a processing standard, GOTS covers the input chemicals and colourants used for processing of organic textiles. As on Dec 2018, around 8,000 colourants and 12,000 chemicals are approved by GOTS. These chemical inputs are assessed for hazardous substances, toxicity and biodegradability.

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5) GOTS Participation in International Symposium and Exhibitions?

GOTS personnel get invited to speak at several regional and international events. We also organize regional seminars to connect and support local network of GOTS certified operations and other stakeholders.

The next in line is **GOTS Bangladesh Seminar 2019** (GBDS19) scheduled to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 8th September 2019.

The theme of this year's seminar is '**Connecting for Success**'. In 2018, Bangladesh reached second position (after India) in terms of GOTS certified facilities in the country. The seminar shall bring together the key players of the field. Speakers shall include representatives from brands, exporters, certifiers, chemical industry, and other significant stakeholders. We are expecting 250-300 senior colleagues from up to 150 different businesses/organisations from the industry.