



## The Certification

GOTS is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibres, including ecological and social criteria, backed up by independent certification of the entire textile supply chain. Having one common standard means textile processors and manufacturers can export their fabrics and garments with one organic certification that is accepted in all major markets.



### **Organic**

certified by Control Union License No 847122 **This transparency** also gives consumers the power to choose truly organic products sourced from green supply chains.

**The aim of the standard** is to define world-wide recognized requirements that ensure the certified organic status of textiles, from the harvesting of the raw fibre, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labelling in order to provide credible assurance to the end consumer.

**GOTS** was founded by four well-reputed organizations: Organic Trade Association (OTA, USA), Internationaler Verband der Naturtextilwirtschaft (IVN, Germany), The Soil Association (UK) and Japan Organic Cotton Association (JOCA, Japan). Two of these (IVN and JOCA) are textile industry organizations, while the other two (OTA and Soil Association) are organic organizations rooted in organic agriculture and food.

Together, they hold extensive experience in promoting 'organic' and all had developed individual processing standards for organic textiles. GOTS came about from the desire to harmonize these standards so that they were internationally recognized.

# The benefits of GOTS Organic Cotton

Compared with regular cotton, GOTS certified organic cotton assures a series of benefits, making of it a sustainable resource:



### Helps farmers

The seeds are cultivated by local farmers with safe work conditions and freedom to decide what to grow, no GM giant company is involved.



### No chemicals added

Organic Cotton is cultivated in lands where hazardous pesticides are banned, making it safer for growers.



### Good for the environment

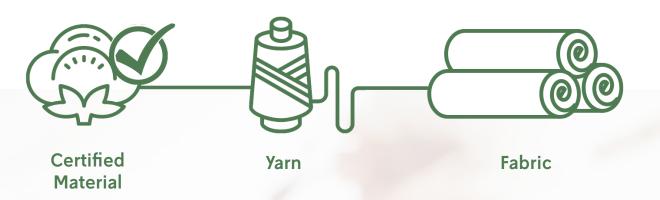
Farming methods lock CO2 into the soil. Growing organic cotton produces up to 94% less greenhouse gas emissions, and less energy and water are used.



## **Traceable and Certified**

Here at **CT NASSAU** utilizing the **GOTS** Standard allows us to purchase known organic fibres with complete traceability: a **GOTS** Transaction Certificate is supplied to us from the vendor detailing the origins of the fibre. After we manufacture the final article with **GOTS** Certified material, we supply a further Transaction Certificate. It is in this way that the complete process from the farm to the end-user consumer can keep its flow.

Currently, an article has to be at least 95% Organic to be able to claim "GOTS Certified", and all Transaction Certificates from the supply chain must be present.



## Fabric containing GOTS organic cotton in a Nutshell



Max.Comfort



Soft to the touch



Sustainable



Breathable



Washable



Antistatic

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