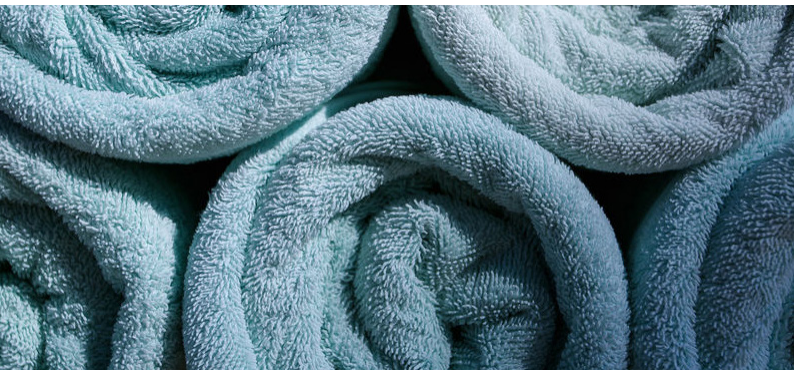




ORGANIC CONTENT STANDARD

GET WHAT YOU EXPECT

The Textile Exchange Organic Content Standard (OCS) provides third party verification of organic material content in a product. It addresses raw material verification throughout the harvest, processing and manufacturing activities. The result is that the organic content integrity is maintained from farm to finished goods. The OCS details auditing requirements to maintain the transparent, consistent and independent verification of organic material content claims on products by an accredited third-party such as NSF International. The standard does not cover the certification of the raw material itself¹. However, it does ensure the content of organic material in a final product is accurately represented.



The standard includes a chain of custody element to help ensure accuracy throughout the supply chain. Referenced in the Organic Content Standard is the Content Claim Standard (CCS). The CCS outlines chain of custody requirements from source to final product to

¹ Organic content raw materials are certified through programs such as the EU Council Directive on Organic Farming which defines production and certification requirements of organic crops. In the USA, the US Department of Agriculture National Organic Program (NOP) and in Asia, the Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) do the same. The NCO recognizes qualified programs for organic content raw materials (or crops?)

evaluate and substantiate a content claim. The standard applies to products that contain 5% to 100% of the claimed material. Facilities throughout the supply chain are audited and verified by NSF International to have systems in place to effectively manage materials and maintain content claims of their products.

The OCS also provides a consumer facing certification mark and identifies permitted labeling language for products and organizations to use to communicate their certification to customers. Consumers can trust OCS certified product claims.



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