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## **Guidance Document No. 10**

### Certification of Textiles under the FairTSA Fair Trade Standard

#### **1. Objective**

The objective of this guidance document is to clarify FairTSA’s policy regarding the certification and labeling of textiles under the FairTSA Fair Trade Standard 3.2.

#### **2. General Considerations**

Textile production is notorious for violation of fair labor practices and unsafe working conditions. In order to give especially smaller textile processing facilities the option to document their fair labor practices and the support for their workers, FairTSA will allow inspection and certification of textile facilities under the FairTSA Fair Trade standard version 3.2.

#### **3. Conditions for Certification**

As the certification of raw materials under the FairTSA standard may be difficult or prohibitively expensive, the below conditions have to be met.

##### **3.1 Raw Materials**

Raw materials must be certified under the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) and a valid GOTS certificate for the raw materials that constitute the basis of the certification must be on file for the inspector to inspect.


##### **3.2 General Standard Requirements**

All General Standard Requirements spelled out in Standard Version 3.2. must be fulfilled. This includes all requirements for fair labor practices including the prohibition of child labor, occupational health and safety practices, and any other requirements set forth in the standard that are not specifically addressed in this Guidance Document.

##### **3.3 Community Development**

The Social Premium and the community development projects must be

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geared toward the workers of the textile processing facility. Workers must be represented in the FairTSA committee and constitute a majority of the committee members.

**4. Labeling of Textiles**

Labeling of textiles must follow the basic requirements of the conditions set forth in Standard Version 3.2: at least 35% of the raw materials must be GOTS certified, the “made with” category for textiles that contain between 35 and 94% of GOTS certified raw materials remains, and the actual percentage must be printed on the label clearly visible for consumers, and textiles with 95% of GOTS certified materials can carry the full FairTSA label.

**5. Social Premium for Textiles**

The Social Premium for use in community projects is set to at 3% of the net sales price.

**6. Conventional Textiles**

Processing of conventional textiles may be certified under the FairTSA Fair Trade standard only in situations where the owner and management of the facility espouse extraordinary and well-documented efforts to support their labor force and enable them to engage in a meaningful and democratic process to improve their living situations and are willing to contribute to this endeavor financially. In this case the Social Premium must be at least amount to 5% of the net sales.

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