Application Form for Certification Bodies
applying for accreditation as GOTS approved certifier

The 'Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies' version 2.0[1] (dated 25 May 2017) as laid down by the Global Organic Textile Standard is the binding normative document, on which the 'GOTS accreditation' of applying Certification Bodies is based on.

Applying Certification Bodies shall assure that they have studied, understood and are willing to follow the 'Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies' prior to send their application with this application form.

Applications will be considered only if this application form is completely filled, if the requested prerequisites are met and the additional information and declarations are provided.

1. Information on the Applicant	
Legal name and status of Certification Body	
Address	
Legal representative / contact person (position)	/
Tel. / Fax	/
Mail / website	/
☐ A list of all offices and branches of the Certification Body is attached, see annex no or	
☐ The Certification Body has no further offices or branches	
☐ A list of subcontractors to which the Certification Body plans to outsource work relevant to GOTS certification is attached, see annex no or	
☐ The Certification Body does not plan to outsource work relevant to GOTS certification to subcontractors	
2. Scopes according to which the applicant seeks GOTS accreditation	
Accreditation can be applied according to one of, a combination of or all of the following scopes:	
☐ **ONE**: Certification of mechanical textile processing and manufacturing operations and their products	
☐ **TWO**: Certification of wet processing and finishing operations and their products	
☐ **THREE**: Certification of trading operations and related products	
☐ **FOUR**: Approval of textile auxiliary agents (chemical inputs) on positive lists	
3. Qualification and declarations	
☐ A copy of the applicant's accreditation certificate(s) and a list of ISO 17065 accredited scopes is attached, see annex no	
☐ Declaration (issued on own letterhead and duly signed) that the applicant agrees to the procedure and all requirements of this manual and that he agrees to enter into a formal contract ('Certifier's contract') accordingly if approved is attached, see annex no	
☐ A summary presentation of the relevant (textile) professional qualification and experience including a Curriculum Vitae for all designated personnel is attached, see annex no	

[1] In all cases, the latest version of mentioned documents will apply.

4. Assignment of Accreditation Body	
☐ It is intended to assign the main cooperating partner of the Global Standard gGmbH for this procedure, **IOAS** (https://ioas.org/), to conduct the GOTS accreditation process or	
☐ It is intended to assign the following actual / preferred accreditation body	
Legal name and status of Accreditation Body	
Address	
Contact person (position)	
Tel. / Fax	/
Mail / website	/
☐ A confirmation issued by this accreditation body, that it will follow the given procedures as provided for in the 'Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies' to accredit to the GOTS scope(s) is attached, see annex no	
5. Processing Fee	
☐ The amount of € 400 plus tax (if applicable) ("Processing Fee") shall be transferred to the bank account of the Global Standard gGmbH (bank: GLS Gemeinschaftsbank eG Stuttgart, address: Eugensplatz 5, 70184 Stuttgart, IBAN DE18430609677012896600, BIC GENODEM1GLS) upon receipt of invoice and the corresponding transfer voucher will be emailed to GOTS.	
5. Application Fee	
☐ The amount of € 5000 plus tax (if applicable) ("Application Fee") has been / will be transferred to the bank account of the Global Standard gGmbH (bank: GLS Gemeinschaftsbank eG Stuttgart, address: Eugensplatz 5, 70184 Stuttgart, IBAN DE18430609677012896600, BIC GENODEM1GLS), upon conclusion of an accreditation contract with the selected accreditation body, the corresponding transfer voucher is attached, see annex no	
6. Further information	
Please note down any further information and explanations relevant in the context of your application for 'GOTS accreditation':	
☐ Questionnaire for Newly Applying Certifiers for GOTS filled in and attached	
7. Authorisation	
Please confirm the correctness of these data:	

Place	Date	Name and Signature

Please e-mail the completely filled and duly signed form and all required attachments (signed documents need to be scanned) to: mail@global-standard.org

After evaluation of the application documents you will be informed in due course about acceptance resp. refusal (incl. reasons for refusal) of your application or if further documents are required in order to complete application. The further accreditation procedure will be conducted by the agreed accreditation body.

Annex to Application Form

Questionnaire for Newly Applying Certifiers for GOTS

1. When was your company registered? Please attach document.
2. How long is your company in the business of certification?
3. What is the territory you expect to cover for GOTS (Countries / Regions)
4. Do you have your own inspectors stationed in each of these regions?
5. Have you hired a consultant for your GOTS application and audit? If yes, please give details.
6. Do you (or have you, in the past) perform inspections for other Textile standards? Which one and from which time on?
7. If yes, please list and specify if this arrangement is currently active or inactive.
8. If inactive, when and why did this arrangement cease?
9. Has a former agreement between you and a standard setter been cancelled or have you lost an accreditation in the past? If yes, please give details.
10. Have you worked as a subcontractor on behalf of another approved GOTS certifier?
11. If yes, please list and specify if this arrangement is currently active or inactive.
12. If inactive, when and why did this arrangement cease?
13. Has such a former agreement been cancelled in the past? If yes, please give details.
14. How many inspections to which standard do you perform currently in a year?
15. How many of these are related to textiles? Specify per standard
16. How many employees do you currently have?
17. How many of these are qualified / trained inspectors?

18. How many of your inspectors are part-time / on consultative basis?	
19. How many of your inspectors have specialised training in social aspects?	
20. Have any of your inspectors worked for another GOTS approved certifier before?	
21. Will you hire external 'experts' for GOTS inspection duties?	
22. Authorization	
Please confirm the correctness of these data:	
Date	Name and Signature

Notes:

- All responses will be kept in confidence.
- Any misrepresentation made by the applying party may cause for rejection of the application at any stage, including withdrawal of approval if found necessary by GOTS.
- GOTS reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any cause or reasons for the same.