

GRS Certification for Final Products Policy

The following GRS-105 policy is introduced to supplement criteria and site auditing applicability for sites handling GRS certified final products without further processing.

Section A – General Information

A1. Implementation

A1.1 The following implementation timelines apply:

A1.1.1 The *GRS Certification for Final Products Policy 4.1* is effective **March 27, 2023**, and may be used immediately.

A1.1.2 All audits and assessments conducted on or after **March 27, 2023**, shall be conducted using *GRS Certification for Final Products Policy 4.1*.

NOTE: *GRS-105-v4.0* is the earliest version of this document in order to align with the versions of the Global Recycled Standard (*GRS-101*).

A2. References

A2.1 All *organizations* are subject to the criteria of the following documents. All can be found at TextileExchange.org/Standards.

A2.1.1 [*TE-301 Standards Claims Policy*](#) – This document describes the language and design criteria for communication related to the Standard;

A2.1.2 [*GRS-101 Global Recycled Standard \(GRS\)*](#); and

A2.1.3 [*CCS-101 Content Claim Standard \(CCS\)*](#).

A2.2 Key *auditing* and certification criteria for certification bodies are specified in the following documents:

A2.2.1 [*ASR-101 Accreditation and Certification Procedures for Textile Exchange Standards*](#);

A2.2.2 [*GRS-102 GRS Certification Procedures*](#);

A2.2.3 [*CCS-102 CCS Certification Procedures*](#); and

A2.2.4 *ASR-213 Materials, Processes, and Products Classification.*

Section B – Applicability of GRS Certification Criteria

B1. Identification of Organizations Purchasing Final Products

- B1.1** An organization may be considered to be purchasing exclusively GRS certified *final products* if all of the following criteria apply:
- B1.1.1** All of the organization’s sites which are included on the scope certificate are not processing claimed materials, except as allowed by B1.1.3, and instead are limited to processing categories PRO000 (no processing), PRO025 (retail), PRO030 (trading), PRO031 (warehousing and distribution), and/or PRO035 (brand).
 - B1.1.2** All *claimed material* inputs for GRS are final products, which will be sold to the *consumer* in their current state and without further processing except as allowed by B1.1.3.
 - B1.1.3** Processing which is minor in nature (see *CCS-201-v3.1 B1.5*) is permitted, provided that there is no application of chemicals (e.g. printing).

B2. Applicability of GRS Modules

- B2.1** Any organization purchasing exclusively GRS certified final products is not required to meet or be audited to Sections B (Social Requirements), C (Environmental Requirements), and D (Chemical Requirements) of the *GRS-101-v4.0*.
- B2.2** The criteria of the *CCS-101 Content Claim Standard* and of the *TE-301 Standards Claims Policy* remain applicable to organizations purchasing exclusively GRS certified final products. Refer to *CCS-101-v3.1*, section B1 for details on when the organization is required to be certified.