

# GLOBAL RECYCLED STANDARD

Increased transparency and a guarantee of recycled fibers

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Nowadays, reducing the harmful impact of production on people and the environment is everyone's concern. Providing guarantees that products are being processed in a more environmentally friendly way is essential.

With this certificate we ensure that there is a greater incentive to choose and use recycled material in every product.

# SUSTAINABILITY



## **GLOBAL RECYCLED STANDARD**

The GRS label is a comprehensive certification that guarantees the recycled content of the product at a minimum of 20%, and also ensures sustainable production with the absence of harmful chemicals and ethical working conditions.

This international product standard was created by Control Union Certifications in 2008 and is currently owned by Textile Exchange. It is certified through third parties.

## **PROMOTION OF RECYCLED MATERIALS**

The Global Recycled Standard label is based on the ISO definition of recycling to certify products.

The seal ensures that recycled content is present from the start of production until it reaches the consumer. This is a guarantee for the end buyer.

The aim of the GRS is to promote the use of recycled materials and make the production of textiles and all kinds of products less harmful to the environment.

## **SOCIAL MEASURES**

GRS also ensures compliance with strict environmental and social requirements.

**GRS textile factories prohibit child labor, promote a healthy and safe environment without discrimination, harassment or abuse, promote freedom of association, work a maximum of 48 hours a week, work overtime voluntarily, and rest a minimum of 1 day a week.**



## **ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES**

In terms of sustainability and environmental measures, the Global Recycled Standard prohibits the use of chemicals that are harmful to people or the earth during production.

Factories must have strong environmental protection policies, with special emphasis on energy and water efficiency, waste and emissions control.

## **BENEFITS**

AGRS certification benefits you, your customers and other stakeholders by demonstrating:

- Alignment of definitions across multiple applications.
- Tracking recycled input materials.
- Providing customers (both brands and consumers) with a tool to make informed decisions.
- Reducing the harmful impact of production on people and the environment.
- Providing assurance that the materials in the end product are actually recycled and processed in a more sustainable way.
- Driving innovation in addressing quality issues in the use of recycled materials.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Understand how tracking recycled products from source to store works.

- Verification of recycled materials

Materials are checked to meet the ISO definition of "recycled". Both pre-consumer and post-consumer materials are accepted.

- Responsible production

GRS facilities are obliged to comply with strict social and environmental requirements. The use of potentially harmful chemicals in GRS products is not permitted.

- Chain of custody

Certification guarantees that the identity of the recycled content is maintained from the raw material to the final product.

- Credible certification

A professional, third-party certification body audits every stage of the supply chain.

- Confident communication

Products that meet all the requirements can be labeled with the RCS or GRS logo.

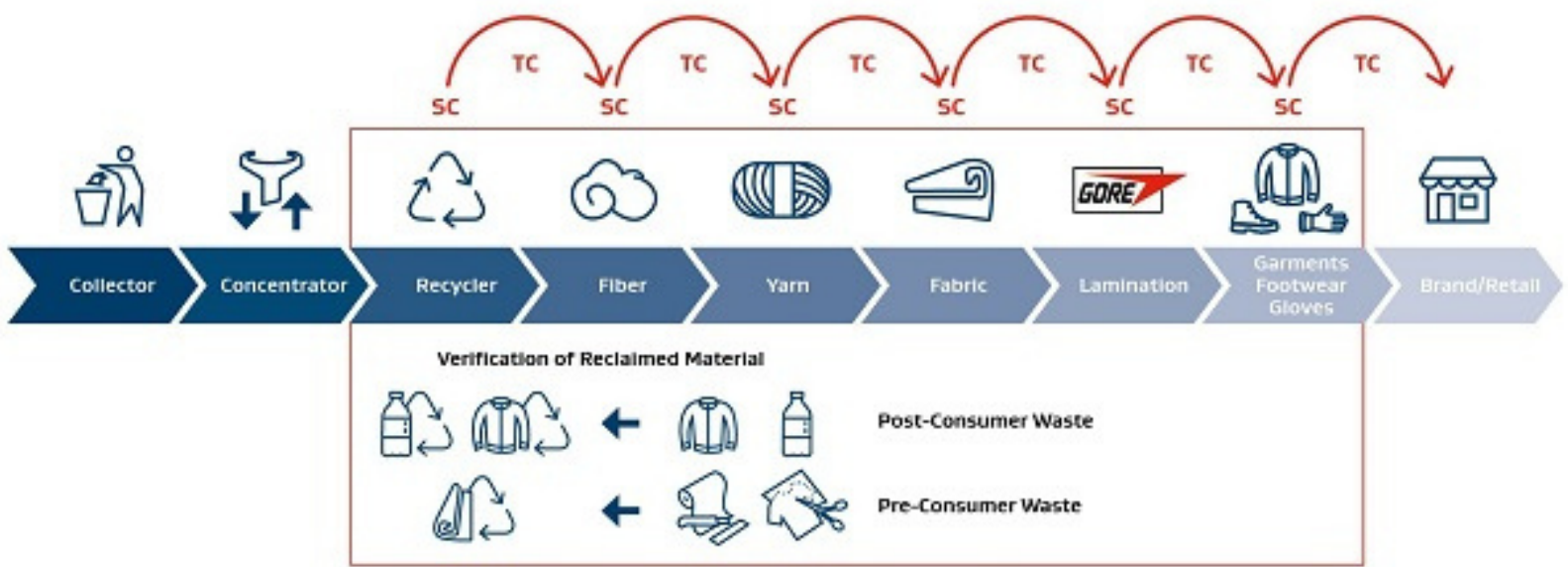
- Stakeholder involvement

The RCS and GRS are run with input from producers, suppliers, brands and retailers from all over the world.



# HOW DOES IT WORK?

## Global Recycled Standard: Chain of Custody



**Scope Certificate (SC):** All plants involved in material recycling or production need to be certified according to GSR (ability to handle/ produce recycled material).

**Transaction Certificate (TC):** Assurance that the specific order/shipment is certified to the given standard.