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A. About the document

TE-TXL-POL-204 Standard-Specific Details for Assurance Systems (TE-TXL-POL-204) includes details specific to each Textile Exchange standard that are relevant for the issuance of scope and transaction certificates.

This document is intended to be used alongside *TE-TXL-POL-203 Policy for Scope and Transaction Certificates* (TE-TXL-POL-203), as applicable, and does not represent all criteria related to scope and transaction certificates.

A1. Implementation

The following implementation timelines apply:

A1.1.1 *TE-TXL-POL-204-V1.0 Standard-Specific Details for Assurance Systems* is effective **October 1, 2026**, and may be used as of that date.

A1.1.2 *TE-TXL-POL-204-V1.0 Standard-Specific Details for Assurance Systems* is mandatory on **April 1, 2027**. From this date onwards, all audits and assessments are required to be conducted using *TE-TXL-POL-204-V1.0 Standard-Specific Details for Assurance Systems*.

A2. Document references

Textile Exchange provides additional policies, guidance documents, and templates to support the implementation of this document. All documents relevant to the standards system are available at the Textile Exchange Knowledge Center. The latest version (or code) of referenced documents, including any amendments (for example, calibrations), applies.

The following documents are integral to understanding and implementing this document. This list is for reference only and is a non-exhaustive list:

A2.1.1 *TE-TXL-POL-203 Policy for Scope Certificates and Transaction Certificates*, as well as all documents listed in TE-TXL-POL-203, Section A2.

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NOTE:

1) Some documents referenced in TE-TXL-POL-203, Section A2 are repeated below for clarity.

A2.1.2 *TE-TXL-DAT-501 Material, Processes, and Products Classification (TE-TXL-DAT-501)*: The classification guide for materials, processes, and products, including classification codes used for Textile Exchange standards.

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NOTE:

1) This document replaces *ASR-213 Materials, Processes, and Products Classification* (ASR-213). ASR-213 shall be used in place of TE-TXL-DAT-501 until the document becomes effective and may be used until the document becomes mandatory.

A2.1.3 *TE-TXL-POL-201 General Criteria for Certification Bodies* (TE-TXL-POL-201): The general criteria for certification bodies to meet for work with all Textile Exchange standards.

A2.1.4 *CCS-105 Policy for Alternative Volume Reconciliation (VR2)* (CCS-105): Policy for use of alternative volume reconciliation (VR2) by sites.

A2.1.5 *OCS-105 OCS In-Conversion Policy* (OCS-105): Policy for the inclusion of in-conversion materials in OCS certification.

A2.1.6 *TE-MM-POL-102 Materials Matter Transition Policy* (TE-MM-POL-102): This document describes transitional measures for transition to the Materials Matter certification system.

A2.1.7 *TE-MM-TEM-201-V1.0 Materials Matter Standard Audit Data Collection Tool* (TE-MM-TEM-201): The template used by certification bodies to submit data following each audit to the Materials Matter Standard.

A3. Document definitions

Refer to the Textile Exchange Glossary for definitions of terms used in this document.

NOTE: *TE-101 Terms and Definitions for Textile Exchange Standards and Related Documents* will not be updated going forward and will become obsolete (i.e., retired) alongside the mandatory implementation date of the *Materials Matter Standard* (TE-MM-STN-101). The Textile Exchange glossary takes precedence in case of any contradiction or omission.

A4. Document interpretation and feedback

Points of clarification may be incorporated into supplementary and guidance documents prior to the next revision of this document where applicable. More substantive feedback or suggested changes will be collected and assessed as part of the next review (and if applicable, revision) of this document.

Any uncertainty regarding the correct interpretation of a criterion should be resolved by the "Notes" and "Examples" sections, where possible. You may submit feedback to Textile Exchange's standards system at any time via this form or by sending an email to standards@textileexchange.org.

B. How to understand the document

B1. Terminology

B1.1.1   In *TE-TXL-POL-204 Standard-Specific Details for Assurance Systems*, the following terms are used to indicate requirements, recommendations, permissions, and possibilities or capabilities:

   a.   "Shall" indicates a requirement.

   b.   "Should" indicates a recommendation (non-binding).

   c.   "May" indicates a permission (non-binding). And

   d.   "Can" indicates a possibility or a capability.

B1.1.2   In the allowed language and informational statements throughout *TE-TXL-POL-204 Standard-Specific Details for Assurance Systems*:

   a.   Brackets with a slash between two or more descriptions and blue-gray highlight "[abc/xyx]" indicate a choice between multiple options for the required language (see example 1).

   b.   Parentheses with a slash between two or more descriptions and blue-gray highlight "(abc/xyz)" indicate a choice between multiple options for the optional language (see example 2). And

   c.   The letters/words shown with brackets highlighted in gray indicate a data field that is replaced with the correct information/data as applicable (see example 3).

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   EXAMPLES:

   1) If you see "[wool/mohair/alpaca]", the square brackets indicate that "wool", "mohair", and "alpaca" are all allowable choices for the informational statement.

   2) If you see "(this product/this component)," the round brackets indicate that "this product, "this component" or neither are allowable choices for the informational statement.

   3) If you see "…contains ([x]%) certified" the gray highlighting indicates a data field where applicable data is filled in (such as 95%, 50%, or 5% for this example).

Section 1: Primary standards and standard-specific details

1.1. Materials Matter Standard

1.1.1 General information for the *Materials Matter Standard*, as drawn below. **Standard acronym**: No acronym. However, "MMS" shall be used in spe submissions to the Trackit™ system only

a. **Standard full name**: Materials Matter Standard

c. **Version number**: V1.0

d. **Allowable dates**: From December 31, 2026 onwards

e. **Primary scope standard**: Yes

f. **Scope certification duration**: Three years for all facilities audited to the *Materials Matter Standard*. See 2.1.1.f for supply chain facilities as speci *Claim Standard*

g. **Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange**: Yes, mandatory *TEM-201 Materials Matter Standard Audit Data Collection Tool*

h. **Standard description for audit criteria**: See *TE-MM-POL-101-V1.0 Ma*

i. **Applicable claims policy for audit criteria**: See *TE-MM-POL-301-V1.0 Standard Claims Policy*

j. **Claims category**:

   i. **All** (see 1.1.2 for a complete list).

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1.1.2 Material content criteria are outlined in the table below:

Claims category	Certified content for inclusion on a transaction certificate	Allowable input claims categories	Allowable raw materials	Blending allowed	Mixing allowed
Materials Matter Certified	≥ 5%	Materials Matter Certified	All RM codes not marked VR2 in: • Recycled pre-consumer; • Recycled post-consumer; • Reclaimed pre-consumer; or • Reclaimed post-consumer	Yes	Yes
			Wool: RM0083	Yes	Only mix with recycled wool (RM0081 and RM0082)
			Mohair: RM0064	Yes	Only mix with recycled mohair (RM0062 and RM0063)
			Alpaca: RM0007	Yes	Only mix with recycled

					alpaca (RM0005 and RM0006)
			Animal fibers: RM0007, RM0064, RM0083	Yes	Yes
Materials Matter no label	≥ 5%	Materials Matter Certified / Materials Matter no label	All RM codes <u>marked</u> VR2 in: - Recycled pre-consumer; - Recycled post-consumer; - Reclaimed pre-consumer; or Reclaimed post-consumer	Yes	Yes
	≥ 5%		Animal fibers: RM0007, RM0064, RM0083	Yes	Yes
Materials Matter Transition	*Details will be added in an upcoming revision to this document. The Materials Matter Transition claims category recognizes eligible inputs from other Textile Exchange standards on a transitional basis.*				
Not allowed (to be certified)	< <u>5</u>%	N/A	All RM codes listed above	N/A	N/A
Hide/raw hide: Contact <u>assurance@textileexchange.org</u> for approval prior to issuing certification.					

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NOTES:

1) For allowable raw materials, **see TE-TXL-DAT-501.**

2) A claims category of Materials Matter Certified may apply to materials that do not meet the minimum percentage content for labeling. These materials may be eligible for *Materials Matter Standard* labels if they are blended or mixed with other certified materials to produce a final product that meets the minimum content for labeling.

3) Products with a claims category of *Materials Matter Standard* (no label) are not eligible for labeling regardless of the percentage content of certified materials or subsequent blending or mixing.

4) Not allowed (to be certified): The product is not eligible to be included on a transaction certificate.

5) All claims categories are case sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

6) Additional claims categories may be added as the *Materials Matter Standard* is further developed and will be reflected in a revision to this document.

1.1.3   No certified input from other certification schemes is permitted in the *Materials Matter Standard*, except as outlined in TE -MM-POL-102.

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NOTE:

1) Eligible inputs under the recognition framework may be added as the *Materials Matter Standard* is further developed and will be reflected in a revision to this document.

1.1.4 Origin information for inputs for the *Materials Matter Standard* shall be determined as outlined in the table below. This information may be omitted from transaction certificates for reclaimed and recycled materials when the origin facility and/or the origin organization do not have TE-IDs.

Material	Source of geographic origin information for first transaction certificate	Origin facility	Origin organization
Recycled material	Location of collection of reclaimed materials, as specified on the Reclaimed Material Declaration Form (RMDF)	Origin facility on the RMDF	Seller on the RMDF
Animal fibers and hide/raw hide	Location of the collector or of the facility producing pre-consumer waste	Farm on the farm production form (FPF)	Farm organization (e.g. farm group) who is the seller on the first transaction certificate

1.1.5 Non-mandatory criteria from *TE-MM-STN-101-V1.0 Materials Matter Standard* as follows apply:

Criterion number	Title	Type
1.1.11	Regenerative outcomes monitoring	Recommended Practice
1.1.12	Context and waste planning	Recommended Practice
1.2.7	Innovation for transparency	Leadership
2.1.8	Inclusive risk assessment	Recommended Practice
2.1.9	Sourcing risk sensitivity	Recommended Practice
2.1.10	Proactive community engagement	Recommended Practice
2.1.11	Inclusive complaint process	Recommended Practice
2.1.12	Accessible grievance mechanism	Recommended Practice
2.1.13	Grievance mapping	Leadership
2.2.9	Enhanced worker benefits	Recommended Practice
2.2.10	Collaborative worker education	Recommended Practice
2.2.11	Victim support referrals	Leadership
2.3.11	Climate response planning	Leadership
2.5.5	Remediation planning	Recommended Practice
2.5.6	Labor abuse referrals	Leadership
2.6.1.1	Living wage strategy	Leadership
2.6.2.1	Fair pricing practices	Leadership
3.2.6	Soil health protection	Recommended Practice
3.3.7	Organic fertilizer use	Leadership
3.5.5	Efficient irrigation	Recommended Practice
3.6.16	Habitat connectivity	Recommended Practice
3.6.17	Biodiversity-friendly cropping	Recommended Practice
3.6.18	Waste reuse and recycling	Recommended Practice
3.6.19	Human-wildlife conflict mitigation	Recommended Practice
3.6.20	Renewable energy use	Recommended Practice
3.6.21	Ecological systems approach	Leadership
3.6.22	Rewilding for biodiversity	Leadership
3.6.23	Emissions tracking system	Leadership
4.1.24	Annual vet oversight	Recommended Practice
4.4.27	Multimodal pain control	Recommended Practice

4.9.25	Live animals signage	Recommended Practice
5.2.15	Non-hazardous substances	Recommended Practice
5.2.16	Pesticide residue control	Recommended Practice
5.2.17	Innovation commitment	Leadership
5.3.14	Material reuse and recycling	Recommended Practice
5.3.15	Recycling program participation	Recommended Practice
5.3.16	Textile-to-textile recycling	Leadership
5.3.17	Waste-to-energy	Leadership
5.4.11	Scouring byproduct recovery	Recommended Practice
5.4.12	Wastewater treatment	Leadership
5.4.13	Automated water supply	Leadership
5.4.14	Reduced water consumption	Leadership
5.6.4	Local clean energy	Recommended Practice
5.6.5	Energy-efficient equipment	Recommended Practice
5.6.6	Renewable energy commitment	Leadership

1.1.6 Accreditation scopes for the *Materials Matter Standard* apply as defined in the table below. Subscopes for each scope are identified in the table below. Each accreditation shall specify which subscopes are included for each scope.

Scope	Applicable process codes	Subscope(s)
Animal fiber farm	• PR0011 Farming (group) • PR00036 Farming (individual) • PR0038 Farming (small-scale)	• RM0007 Materials Matter alpaca • RM0064 Materials Matter mohair • RM0083 Materials Matter wool
Animal slaughter	• PR0026 Slaughter	N/A
Primary processing of animal fiber	• PR0040 Scouring • PR0029 Top making	N/A
Recycler	*See subscopes*	• PR0003 Biological recycling • PR0004 Chemical recycling • PR0017 Mechanical recycling • Thermochemical recycling • Thermomechanical recycling • PR0043 Biological recycling VR2 • PR0042 Chemical recycling VR2 • PR0044 Mechanical recycling VR2 • Thermochemical recycling VR2 • Thermomechanical recycling VR2

NOTE:

1) Where process and raw material codes are missing or are named differently than the current classification (see TE-TXL-DAT-501), they will be updated in an upcoming revision.

1.2. Organic Content Standard (OCS)

1.2.1 General information for the *Organic Content Standard* (OCS) is outlined in the table below:

a. **Standard full name**: *Organic Content Standard*

b. **Standard acronym**: OCS

c. **Version number**: V3.0

d. **Allowable dates**: From March 1, 2020 onwards

e. **Primary scope standard**: Yes

f. **Scope certification duration**: As specified for *Content Claim Standard* (see 2.1.1.f)

g. **Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange**: No

h. **Standard description for audit criteria**: *OCS-101-V3.0 Organic Content Standard*

i. **Applicable claims policy for audit criteria**: *TE-301-V1.4 Standards Claims Policy*

j. **Claims category**:

Logo to include on certificate	
OCS 100 logo	
OCS Blended logo	
No logo	

i. OCS (OCS 100);

ii. OCS (OCS Blended); or

iii. OCS (no label)

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NOTES:

1) If both OCS 100 and OCS Blended products appear on the same certificate, both logos shall be included.

1.2.2 Material content criteria for the OCS are outlined in the table below:

Claims category	Certified content	Allowable raw materials (see TE-TXL-DAT-501)	Blending allowed	Mixing allowed
OCS (OCS 100)	≥ 95%	All RM codes in organic	Yes	No
OCS (OCS Blended)	≥ 95%		Yes	Yes
OCS (OCS Blended)	5% ≤ x < 95%		Yes	Yes
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A
OCS (no label)	≥ 5%	All RM codes in in-conversion	N/A	N/A
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A

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EXAMPLE:

1) A product with 10% in-conversion cotton (RM0103) and 90% organic cotton (RM0104) shall have the OCS Blended claims category specified.

NOTES:

1) Products with a claims category of OCS (no label) are not eligible for labeling.

2) If a product contains in-conversion material and qualifies for an OCS label due to organic content, the OCS 100 or OCS Blended claims category takes precedence.

3) Not allowed (to be certified): The product is not eligible to be included on a transaction certificate.

4) All claims categories are case-sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

1.2.3 The following certified inputs from other certification schemes are permitted in the OCS when they meet all the eligibility criteria outlined in the reference document:

Input materials	Documentation to demonstrate eligibility for alternative transaction upload	Reference document

a. Inputs certified to one of the following organic standards:
  i. US Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP);
  ii. European Union (EU) Regulation (EC) 834/2007 and EU 2018/848; or
  iii. Any other organic standard that is approved in the IFOAM Family of Standards.
	• Farm organic transaction certificate, if applicable to the scope.
	• Farm organic scope certificate and transport document from farm to first processor, if no transaction certificate applies.
		OCS-101 Organic Content Standard

b. In-conversion inputs from the organic standards named in 1.2.3.a.	• Farm in-conversion transaction certificate, if applicable to the scope. • Farm in-conversion scope certificate and transport document from farm to first processor, if no transaction certificate applies.	OCS-105 OCS In-Conversion Policy
c. Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)-certified inputs.	GOTS transaction certificate, uploaded via alternative transaction upload method.	ASR-106 Accepted Equivalent Standards

NOTE:

1) The recognition framework does not apply to the OCS, though pre-existing recognitions are in place.

1.2.4 Geographic origin information for inputs without OCS transaction certificates shall be determined as follows:

Input materials	Source of geographic origin information
a. Unprocessed organic or in-conversion farm inputs	Farm locations, as specified on the scope certificate
b. GOTS-certified inputs	Geographic origin specified on input GOTS transaction certificate

1.2.5 For OCS products, the origin facility shall be the organic farm, and the origin organization shall be the certified farm organization (for example, farm group). Since organic farms and farm organizations do not currently have TE-IDs, these fields shall not be applicable (N/A) for OCS.

1.2.6 Non-mandatory criteria do not apply to the OCS.

1.2.7 The *Organic Content Standard* is a single accreditation scope. Accreditation subscopes do not apply to the OCS. Applicable materials (cotton, animal materials, other fiber crops, other) should be specified in the scope of accreditation.

1.3. Global Recycled Standard (GRS)

1.3.1 General information for the *Global Recycled Standard* (GRS) is outlined in the table below:
a. **Standard full name**: *Global Recycled Standard*
b. **Standard acronym**: GRS
c. **Version number**: V4.0
d. **Allowable dates**: Scope certificates issued after July 1, 2017. Auditing conducted no later than December 30, 2027, with a scope certificate issued in accordance with TE-TXL-POL-201 timelines. GRS shall not appear on valid scope certificates after March 31, 2029. GRS transaction certificates shall not be issued unless a complete and valid application is received by the certification body by March 31, 2029.
e. **Primary scope standard**: Yes
f. **Scope certification duration**: As specified for Content Claim Standard (see 2.1.1.f)
g. **Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange**: No
h. **Standard description for audit criteria**: *GRS-101-V4.0 Global Recycled Standard*
i. **Applicable claims policy for audit criteria**: *TE-301-V1.4 Standards Claims Policy*
j. **Claims category**:

   i. GRS; or

   ii. GRS (no label).

(logo to include on certificates)	
GRS logo	
GRS logo (optional)	

1.3.2 Material content criteria are outlined in the table below:

Claims Category	Certified Content	Allowable Raw Materials (see TE-TXL-DAT-501)	Blending Allowed	Mixing Allowed
GRS	≥ 50%	All RM codes in • recycled pre-consumer; • recycled post-consumer; • reclaimed pre-consumer; or • reclaimed post-consumer **not marked** VR2.	Yes	No
GRS (no label)	20% ≤ x < 50%		Yes	Yes
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 20%		N/A	N/A
GRS	≥ 20%	All RM codes in	Yes	Yes

(no label)		• recycled pre-consumer;		
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 20%	• recycled post-consumer; • reclaimed pre-consumer; or • reclaimed post-consumer **marked** VR2.	N/A	N/A

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NOTES:

1) Products with a claims category of GRS (no label) are not eligible for labeling. Products under 1.3.2.b can become eligible for labeling following further blending or mixing, which results in a higher certified content.

2) Not allowed (to be certified): The product is not eligible to be included on a transaction certificate.

3) All claims categories are case sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

1.3.3 No certified inputs from other certification schemes are permitted in the GRS, except as outlined in the *TE-MM-POL-102 Materials Matter Transition Policy*.

1.3.4 Origin information for inputs for the *Global Recycled Standard* (GRS) shall be determined as follows. This information may be omitted from transaction certificates when the origin facility and/or the origin organization does not have TE-IDs.

Material	Source of geographic origin information for first transaction certificate	Origin facility	Origin organization
a. Recycled material	Location of collection of reclaimed materials, as specified on the reclaimed material declaration form	Origin facility on the RMDF	Seller on the RMDF

EXAMPLE:

1) Location of collection reclaimed material could be the location of the collector or of the facility producing pre-consumer waste.

1.3.5 Non-mandatory criteria do not apply to the GRS.

1.3.6 The *Global Recycled Standard* is a single accreditation scope. Accreditation subscopes do not apply to the GRS.

1.4. Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)

1.4.1 General information for the *Recycled Content Standard* (RCS) is outlined in the table below:

a. **Standard full name**: *Recycled Content Standard*

b. **Standard acronym**: RCS

c. **Version number**: V2.0

d. **Allowable dates**: Scope certificates issued after July 1, 2017. Auditing conducted no later than December 30, 2027, with a scope certificate issued in accordance with TE-TXL-POL-201 timelines. RCS shall not appear on valid scope certificates after March 31, 2029. RCS transaction certificates shall not be issued unless a complete and valid application is received by the certification body by March 31, 2029.

e. **Primary scope standard**: Yes

f. **Scope certification duration**: As specified for *Content Claim Standard* (see 2.1.1.f)

g. **Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange**: No

h. **Standard description for audit criteria**: *RCS-101-V2.0 Recycled Claim Standard*

    i.   **Applicable claims policy for audit criteria**: *TE-301-V1.4 Standards Claims Policy*

    j.   **Claims category**:

Logo to include on certificates	
RCS 100 logo	
RCS Blended logo	
No logo	

        i.   RCS (RCS 100);

        ii.   RCS (RCS Blended); or

        iii.   RCS (no label).

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NOTE:

  1)   If both RCS 100 and RCS Blended products appear on the same certificate, both logos shall be included.

1.4.2   Material content criteria for the RCS are outlined in the table below:

Claims category	Certified content	Allowable raw materials (see TE-TXL-DAT-501)	Blending allowed	Mixing allowed
RCS (RCS 100)	≥ 95%	All RM codes in: • Recycled pre-consumer; • Recycled post-consumer; • Reclaimed pre-consumer; or • Reclaimed post-consumer **not marked** VR2.	Yes	No
RCS (RCS Blended)	≥ 95%		Yes	Yes
RCS (RCS Blended)	5% ≤ x < 95%		Yes	Yes
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A
RCS (no label)	≥ 5%	All RM codes in: • Recycled pre-consumer; • Recycled post-consumer; • Reclaimed pre-consumer; or • Reclaimed post-consumer **marked** VR2.	Yes	Yes
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A

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NOTES:

  1) Products with a claims category of RCS (no label) are not eligible for labeling.

  2) Not allowed (to be certified): The product is not eligible to be included on a transaction certificate.

  3) All claims categories are case-sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

1.4.3   No certified inputs from other certification schemes are permitted in the RCS, except for GRS as outlined in ASR-106 and otherwise as outlined in the *TE-MM-POL-102 Materials Matter Transition Policy*.

1.4.4   Origin information for inputs shall be determined as follows:

Material	Source of geographic origin information for first transaction certificate	Origin facility	Origin organization
a. Recycled material	Location of collection of reclaimed materials, as specified on the reclaimed material declaration form	Origin facility on the RMDF	Seller on the RMDF

EXAMPLE:

1) Location of collection reclaimed material could be the location of the collector or of the facility producing pre-consumer waste.

1.4.5 Non-mandatory criteria do not apply to the RCS.

1.4.6 The *Recycled Claim Standard* is a single accreditation scope. Accreditation subscopes do not apply to the RCS.

1.5. Responsible Animal Fiber (RAF) standards

1.5.1 General information for the *Responsible Animal Fiber* (RAF) standards are outlined in the table below:

a. Standard full name	Responsible Animal Fiber standards	*Responsible Wool Standard*	*Responsible Mohair Standard*	*Responsible Alpaca Standard*
b. Standard acronym	RAF	RWS	RMS	RAS
c. Version number	N/A	V2.2	V1.2	V1.0
d. Allowable dates	N/A	From October 1, 2021	From October 1, 2021	From April 20, 2021
	Auditing conducted no later than December 30, 2027, with a scope certificate issued in accordance with TE-TXL-POL-201 timelines. RAF standards shall not appear on valid scope certificates after March 31, 2029. RAF transaction certificates shall not be issued unless a complete and valid application is received by the certification body by March 31, 2029.			
e. Primary scope standard	Yes			
f. Scope certificate duration	i. Farm scope certificates: Three years ii. Supply chain scope certificates: As specified for *Content Claim Standard* (see 2.1.1.f)			
g. Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange	No			
h. Standard description for audit criteria	N/A	*RAF-101a-V2.2 Responsible Wool Standard*	*RAF-101b-V1.2 Responsible Mohair Standard*	*RAF-101c-V10 Responsible Alpaca Standard*
i. Applicable claims policy for audit criteria	*TE-301-V1.4 Standards Claims Policy*			
j. Claims category	Logo to include on certificates			

i. RWS, RMS, and RAS	RWS logo RMS logo RAS logo
ii. RWS (no label), RMS (no label), and RAS (no label)	RWS logo (optional) RMS logo (optional) RAS logo (optional)

1.5.2 Material content criteria for the RAF standards are outlined in the table below:

Standard label grade	Certified content	Allowable raw materials (see TE-TXL-DAT-501)	Blending allowed	Mixing allowed
RWS	≥ 5%	RM0083	Yes	Only mix with RM0081 and RM0082
RWS (no label)	≥ 5%		Yes	If mixed with RM0077
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A
RAS	≥ 5%	RM0007	Yes	Only mix with RM0005 and RM0006
RAS (no label)	≥ 5%		Yes	If mixed with RM0001
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A
RMS	≥ 5%	RM0064	Yes	Only mix with RM0062 and RM0063
RMS (no label)	≥ 5%		Yes	If mixed with RM0058
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	N/A

NOTES:

1) Products with a claims category of RWS (no label), RAS (no label), or RMS (no label) are not eligible for labeling.

2) For RWS (RM0078, RM0079), RMS (RM0059, RM0060), and RAS (RM0002, RM0003) products, the in-conversion and organic raw material codes shall not be used.

3) Not allowed (to be certified): The product is not eligible to be included on a transaction certificate.

4) All claims categories are case-sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

1.5.3 No certified inputs from other certification schemes are permitted in the RAF standards, except as outlined in *TE-MM-POL-102 Materials Matter Transition Policy*.

1.5.4 Origin information for inputs shall be determined as follows:

Material	Source of geographic origin information for first transaction certificate	Origin facility	Origin organization
a. Animal fibers and hide/raw hide	Farm locations, as specified on the scope certificate and the farm production form (FPF)	Farm on the FPF	Farm organization (e.g. farm group) who is the seller on the first transaction certificate

1.5.5 Non-mandatory criteria do not apply to the RAF standards.

1.5.6 The Responsible Animal Fiber standards are covered by a single accreditation scope. Accreditation subscopes do not apply to the RAF standards. Applicable materials (wool, mohair, alpaca) should be specified in the scope of accreditation.

1.6. Responsible Down Standard (RDS)

1.6.1 General information for the *Responsible Down Standard* (RDS) is outlined in the table below:
   a. **Standard full name**: *Responsible Down Standard*
   b. **Standard acronym**: RDS
   c. **Version number**: V3.0
   d. **Allowable dates**: From July 1, 2019 onward
   e. **Primary scope standard**: Yes
   f. **Scope certification duration**:
      i. **Farm scope certificates**: One year
      ii. **Supply chain scope certificates:** As specified for *Content Claim Standard* (see 2.1.1.f)
   g. **Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange**: No
   h. **Standard description for audit criteria**: *RDS-101-V3.0 Responsible Down Standard*
   Applicable claims policy for audit criteria: *TE-301-V1.4 Standards Claims Policy*
      i. **Claims category**:

Logo to include on certificates	
i. RDS; or	RDS logo
ii. RDS (no label).	RDS logo (optional)

1.6.2 Material content criteria for the RDS are outlined in the table below:

Claims category	Certified content	Allowable raw materials (see TE-TXL-DAT-501)	Blending allowed	Mixing allowed
RCS	≥ 5%	RM0032, RM0039, RM0328, RM0329, RM0330, RM0331	Yes	Only mixed with RM0030, RM0031, RM0037, and RM0038

RCS (no label)	≥ 5%		Yes	If mixed with RM0026, RM0033
Not allowed (to be certified)	< 5%		N/A	Yes

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NOTES:

1) Products with a claims category of RDS (no label) are not eligible for labeling.

2) For RDS (RM0027, RM0028, RM0034, RM0035) products, the in-conversion and organic raw material codes shall not be used.

3) RM0328, RM0329, and RM0331 are only available with advance notification to data@textileexchange.org.

4) Not allowed (to be certified): The product is not eligible to be included on a transaction certificate.

5) All claims categories are case-sensitive for transfer of data to Textile Exchange.

1.6.3 No certified inputs from other certification schemes are permitted in the GRS, except as outlined in the *TE-MM-POL-102 Materials Matter Transition Policy*.

1.6.4 Origin information for inputs shall be determined as follows:

Material	Source of geographic origin information for first transaction certificate	Origin facility	Origin organization
a. Down	Farm and slaughter site locations, as specified on the scope certificate and the FPF	Slaughter facility on the FPF	Farm organization (e.g. farm group) who is the seller on the first transaction certificate

1.6.5 Non-mandatory criteria do not apply to the RDS.

1.6.6 The *Responsible Down Standard* is a single accreditation scope. Accreditation subscopes do not apply to the RDS.

1.6.7 Farm capacity and number of animals for RDS farms shall be determined based on annual production.

a. Farm capacity shall be reported per raw material code included on the scope certificate.

b. Number of animals shall be reported using RM0330 for the raw material code, such that the total number of animals reported reflects the total number of animals raised per year.

NOTE:

1) RM0330 is used to report the number of animals for all RDS farm scope certificates, regardless of if this code is included on the scope certificate or not.

Section 2: Content Claim Standard

2.1. Content Claim Standard (CCS)

2.1.1 General information for the *Content Claim Standard* (CCS) is outlined in the table below:

a. **Standard full name**: *Content Claim Standard*
b. **Standard acronym**: CCS
c. **Version number**: V3.1
d. **Allowable dates**: From July 1, 2021 onwards
e. **Primary scope standard**: No
f. **Scope certification duration**: One year
g. **Audit report template provided by Textile Exchange**: No
h. **Standard description for audit criteria**: *CCS-101-V3.1 Content Claim Standard*
i. **Applicable claims policy for audit criteria**: Based on the primary scope standard
j. **Claims category**:
   i. N/A: No logo. This claims category is applicable for components of unfinished products where the component does not contain certified material only.
   ii. Claims categories apply based on the primary scope standard (see Section 1).

2.1.2 Material content criteria, eligible inputs, and geographic origin are based on the primary scope standard and do not apply to the CCS.

2.1.3 Non-mandatory criteria do not apply to the CCS.

2.1.4 The *Content Claim Standard* is a single accreditation scope. Accreditation subscopes do not apply to the CCS.

Section 3: Details for scope and transaction certificates

3.1. Additional scopes

3.1.1   No additional scopes apply. Details of additional scopes will be added in an update to this document when available.

3.2. Scope certificate stipulation

This section details scope stipulations that are required to be included on scope certificates in the scope stipulations (scCbScopeStipulations) field.

3.2.1   The following statements may be used to meet *TE-TXL-POL-203-V4.0 Policy for Scope and Transaction Certificates*, 2.4.3. This criterion only applies to animal fiber and hide/raw hide farms and is optional for small-scale farmer groups.

a. Suitable pain relief is used for all husbandry procedures for all animals within this scope certificate.

b. This scope certificate covers countries/areas where the availability of pain relief for husbandry procedures differs. Suitable pain relief is only being used for all husbandry procedures for all animals within this scope certificate located in [country/area or state/province] (and is being phased in for all animals in [country/area or state/province] where it is newly available).

c. Suitable pain relief is currently being phased in for all husbandry procedures for all animals, as it is newly available in [country/area or state/province].

d. Suitable pain relief is not currently available in [country/area or state/province], so animal welfare criteria for pain relief were not evaluated. This is based on legal and regulatory limitations rather than choices made by the certified organization or certified farms.

e. Painful husbandry procedures are not conducted on animals within this scope certificate.

f. The use of pain relief is an optional leadership criterion for small-scale farmer groups due to the costs involved. This leadership criterion was [met/not met/partially met/not evaluated] for this small-scale farmer group.

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NOTE:

1) The statement in f is only permitted for small-scale farmer groups in counties where suitable pain relief is available, and requires that the level of conformity be selected.

3.2.2   For the statements from 3.1.1, **species** shall be replaced with the species name [sheep/angora goats/alpacas]. The **country/area** and **state/province** shall be replaced with the applicable country/area or state/province information based on TE-TXL-DAT-502.

3.3. Transaction certificate product details

3.3.1   The following unit metrics may be used to describe the number of units of a product in TE-TXL-POL-203, 5.10.3.e. Metrics shall be submitted using only lowercase letters (a–z) with the exact spellings listed in the table.

Metric	Use
a. units	Required for final products. Allowed for products without a required metric in this table.
b. meters/ metres	Required for fabric. Either spelling is acceptable.

c. bales	Preferred metric for fibers and down/feather.
d. cartons	Includes cases, boxes, packages. Allowed for products without a required metric in this table.
e. bags	Allowed for products without a required metric in this table.
f. pallets	Shipping pallets. Allowed for products without a required metric in this table.
g. other	Only permitted when no other metric in this table is applicable. The additional other field (tcProductUnitsMetricOther) shall indicate the metric and shall replace the original metric unit field (tcProductUnitsMetric) on the PDF transaction certificate.
h. An "other" metric (tcProductUnitsMetricOther) submitted shall not be:	
iii. Any unit of weight (for example, kilograms, metric tons);	
iv. Non-metric system units (for example, yards, pounds) other than countable items; or	
v. Currency.	

3.3.2 A margin of error in material composition for TE-TXL-POL-203, 4.6.2 applies as follows:

a. Criterion for blended materials containing mechanically recycled textile fibers will be added in a future revision to this policy (see note 1);

b. Criterion for non-blended materials containing mechanically recycled textile fibers will be added in a future revision to this policy (see note 1);

c. ±10% for reclaimed materials sold by a certified collector or concentrator;

d. ±3% for all other blended materials; and

e. -2% for all other non-blended materials.

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EXAMPLES:

The following are examples of how the margin of error shall be applied:

1) A fabric is composed of 98% organic cotton (RM0104) with 2% elastane (RM0160). The elastane shall be reflected in the material composition since it is added intentionally.

2) A yarn which is calculated to be 100% post-consumer cotton (RM0107) is shown to contain 1.5% polyester (unintentionally) in composition testing. The yarn shall be claimed as 100% post-consumer cotton (RM0107) as the polyester was not added intentionally. Additional information from 4.6.3.a shall be included on the transaction certificate.

3) A fabric which is calculated to contain 90% responsible wool (RM0083) + 10% acrylic (RM0156) is shown through composition testing to contain 7% acrylic. The fabric shall have a material composition of 90% responsible wool (RM0104) + 10% acrylic (RM0156) listed on the transaction certificate.

NOTE:

1) The language used for 3.3.2.a and 3.3.2.b is currently tentative and will be updated in a future version of this document.

3.3.3 The following cases are not considered to exceed the margin of error:

a. The presence of mixed fibers (i.e., RM0258, RM0260, and/or RM0261) in the product composition, where the exact content is unknown; and

b. The use of trims or visible, isolable fibers used for decorative, ornamental, or functional purposes that are included in the composition calculations but not considered in the composition tests.

3.3.4 A component or a product which does not have components may have multiple claims categories provided that the claims categories are for different standards and the following are met:

a. The product shall not have a claims category for the Materials Matter Standard and one or more claims categories for the following standards: GRS, RCS, RWS, RMS, and RAS. This applies at the product level regardless if the product has components or not. And

b. A component or product without components shall not have claims categories for both the GRS and RCS.

3.3.5   The following process shall apply to list inputs for VR2 materials (see CCS-105) on transaction certificates to meet TE-TXL-POL-203, 5.10.4 since the products cannot be linked to a specific incoming transaction certificate or Reclaimed Material Declaration Form (RMDF):

a. The incoming transaction certificate number (tcProductIncomingTcNo) shall show the oldest incoming transaction certificate or RMDF number with the inputs used for the product and with available remaining balance. More than one transaction certificate or RMDF may be listed if necessary to include sufficient input weights.

b. The statement "VR2 materials cannot be tracked to a specific incoming transaction certificate." shall be included in (tcProductInfoAdditional) when the inputs are from transaction certificates. When the inputs are from RMDFs, the words "transaction certificate" shall be replaced by "RMDF."