

Green Shape Standard

Recognition of third-party standards and certification systems in the upstream supply chain in the Green Shape Standard (meta-label process)

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1. Recognition of other standards / meta-label approach

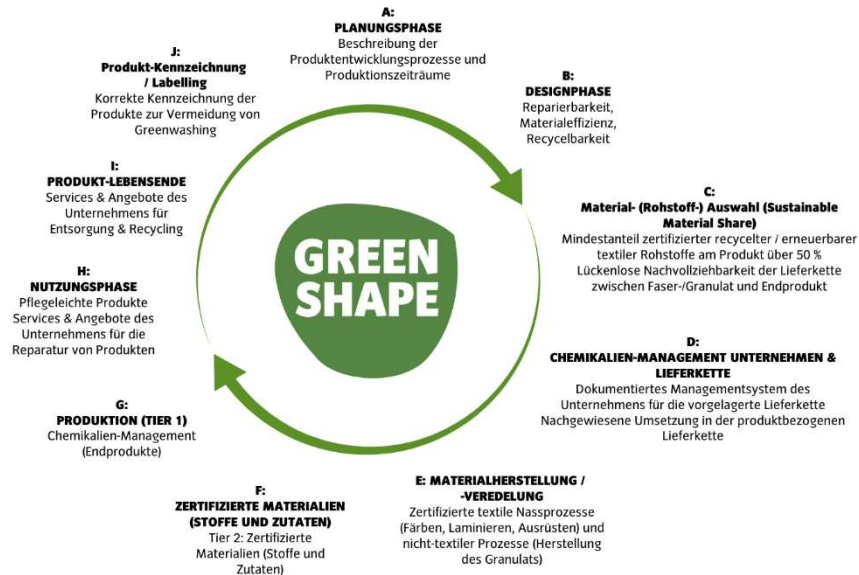
In product life cycle phases B (material (raw material) selection (sustainable material content)) to F (production (Tier 1)), the Green Shape Standard recognizes other standards and certificates that cover individual environmental and consumer protection aspects in the upstream supply chain and in the end product.

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These standards are recognized by the scheme owner on the basis of clearly defined, non-discriminatory criteria in accordance with this document, either as part of regular reviews in accordance with Chapter 7 Certification Program or upon request by such a standard.

To this end, scheme owners can submit an application for recognition of their standard for the Green Shape Standard using the contact form on the Green Shape Association website. Within a maximum of six months after receipt of the application, the scheme owner will conduct an assessment against the criteria set out in Applicable Document 01, document this, and notify the applicant scheme owner of the decision in writing.

The scheme owner and the applicant scheme owner shall reach mutual agreements on the right to mutual use of their seals in the context of communication on the standards concerned, any license fees, and other regulations.

Standards and certifications already recognized in the Green Shape Standard meet the criteria listed in this document. They are described in the product requirements (Applicable Document 01).

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2. Phase C – Material (raw material) selection (Sustainable Material Content Share) (ID 10)

Every Green Shape product consists of more than 50% recycled or renewable raw materials by weight. All textile components are taken into account.

The origin of the raw materials (feedstock) is verified by one or more certificates defined for this requirement from the upstream supply chain.

Standards and certification systems for the respective material categories are recognized according to the following criteria:

2.1. Proportion of recycled raw materials (fiber/granulate level) (ID 10a)

Recycled raw materials from pre- or post-consumer recycling, identity preserve, segregated or mass balance processes with defined certifications at fiber/granulate level are taken into account.

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Chain of custody processes (except book and claim) for textile materials and plastics are recognized.
- For mass-balanced recycled raw materials, standards are recognized that ensure verification of the amount of raw material fed into the mass balance process at the fiber/granulate level.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

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2.2. Proportion of renewable raw materials (fiber/granulate level) (ID 10b)

Renewable and biogenic raw materials with defined certifications at fiber/granulate level are taken into account.

2.2.1. Organic cotton (ID 10c)

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Chain of custody procedures (identity preserve or segregated) for textile materials are recognized.
- Mass balance procedures are not recognized for renewable raw materials.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

2.2.2. Lyocell (ID 10e)

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Chain of custody procedures (mass balance, identity preserve, or segregated) developed as multi-stakeholder standards are recognized.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

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2.2.3. Animal welfare-friendly, mulesing-free wool (ID 10f)

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Recognition of upstream standards: Chain of custody procedures (Identity Preserve or Segregated) are recognized.
- Mass balance procedures are not recognized for animal raw materials and natural materials.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

2.2.4. Animal welfare-friendly down or certified recycled down (ID 10g)

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Chain of custody procedures (Identity Preserve or Segregated) are recognized.
- Mass balance procedures are not recognized for renewable raw materials.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

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2.2.5. Bio-based plastics from biogenic raw materials (ID 10h)

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Standards and norms based on the C14 test method, which rules out the use of fossil-based raw materials, are recognized.

2.2.6. Bio-based plastics (mass balance) (ID 10i)

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Chain of custody procedures (except book and claim) for textile materials and plastics are recognized.
- For mass-balanced raw materials, standards are recognized that provide evidence of the amount of raw material fed into the mass balance process at the fiber/granulate level and that at least meet the requirements for voluntary certification systems in accordance with the following document:
https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/renewable-energy/bioenergy/voluntary-schemes_en.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

3. Phase D – Chemicals Management (ID 12)

The recognition of standards and certification systems for ensuring minimum requirements in the company's chemical management is based on the following criteria:

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- Standards that ensure comprehensive chemical management, especially for textile wet processes at the company/factory level and for end products, are recognized. This includes at least input stream management and an evaluation of the chemicals used, whose requirements exceed legal requirements and at least meet the ambition level of bluesign and ZDHC.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

4. Phase E – Material production/finishing (ID 14)

Fabrics and ingredients used in Green Shape products are manufactured and finished in certified facilities in the upstream supply chain (wet textile processes: dyeing, laminating, finishing; non-textile processes: granulate production). This is verified by defined certifications at the facility level.

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Standards are recognized that cover comprehensive environmental management of their textile wet processes or their manufacturing processes for plastic granules at the factory level, including at least chemical management, water, wastewater, waste, exhaust air, and energy beyond the legal requirements.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

5. Phase F – Materials (fabrics and trims) (ID 15)

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Fabrics and trims used in Green Shape products are certified according to a defined environmental standard. This is verified by a defined certification at the material level.

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Recognition of upstream standards: Standards are recognized that ensure that the certified fabrics and trims have been verifiably manufactured in a certified factory in accordance with the specifications in Phase D (wet processes).
- Furthermore, standards are recognized that ensure that at least the requirements of the Oekotex100 standard are met. This applies exclusively in cases where materials cannot be certified by one of the aforementioned standards (Phase D), are not covered by this standard, and are therefore not certifiable ("out of scope").
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

6. Phase G – Production (Tier 1) (ID 16)

The recognition of standards and certification systems to ensure minimum requirements in the company's chemical management at the end product level is based on the following criteria:

Standards and certification systems are recognized according to the following criteria:

- Standards that ensure comprehensive chemical management, especially for textile wet processes at the company/factory level and for end products, are recognized. These include at least input stream management and an evaluation of the chemicals used, whose requirements exceed legal requirements and achieve at least the ambition level of bluesign and ZDHC.
- Standards must comply with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Sustainability Systems (<https://www.isealalliance.org/get-involved/resources/iseal-code-good-practice-sustainability-systems-v10>) and/or be accredited.

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