Textile Exchange standard certification services for GRS and RCS

Global retailers and brands are embracing new trends and challenges, as consumers are driving new ways to communicate company sustainability efforts. Instances of greenwashing, the act of misleading consumers regarding the environmental practices of a company or the environmental benefits of a product or service, have risen in frequency as consumers show an increased interest in sustainability.

We can contribute to keep you away from unintended greenwashing. Our assessments and certifications can help you differentiate your brand from your competitors.

What are GRS and RCS

The GRS and RCS rely on the foundation of the CCS, the chain of custody model that all textile exchange programs follow.

The GRS is an international, voluntary, full product and supply chain standard that sets requirements for third-party certification of recycled input, chain of custody, social and environmental practices, and chemical restrictions.

The primary goal of the GRS is to increase the use of recycled materials in products and reduce the harmful social, environmental, and chemical impacts of production.

The RCS is an international, voluntary standard that sets requirements for third-party certification of recycled input and chain of custody. One of the primary goals of the RCS is to increase the use of recycled materials in the textile industry.

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Why do you need GRS/RCS?

As a company, you can benefit from a GRS or RCS certification for:

- **Verifying recycled material:** We verify materials to meet the ISO 14021 definition of "recycled." Both pre-consumer and post-consumer materials qualify.
- **Assessing responsible production:** GRS sites are required to meet social and environmental requirements. Chemicals with the potential for harm are not permitted to be used on GRS products.
- **Tracking your chain of custody:** The CCS certification indicates that the identity of the recycled material is maintained from the recycler to the final product.
- **Obtaining a credible certification:** As an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited third-party certification body, UL Verification Services Inc. can audit each stage in the supply chain according to GRS/RCS requirements.
- **Sharing confident communication:** Product adhering to all requirements may be labeled with the GRS or RCS logos.
- **Engaging your stakeholder:** The textile exchange standards, which include RCS and GRS, are managed and owned by the Textile Exchange and are managed by them using the input of recyclers, suppliers, brands and retailers worldwide.

How we can help

We help major global retailers and brands to stay away from greenwashing and provide them with competitive differentiation in the marketplace.

We help you meet applicable requirements, regulations and strategies for environmental, social and governance (ESG) and corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals.

Our product sustainability solutions support global companies in navigating complex supply chains in all the product phases: from design to the launch of the article in the target markets. We have strong local expert teams to support our customers' needs.

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