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Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) | The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is recognized as the world's leading standard for textiles made from organic fibers. GOTS covers textile processing, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, exportation, importation and distribution. It does not cover the cultivation of the plant, which is covered by governmental organic standards like the USDA or



USDA ORGANIC | Raw natural fibers, such as cotton, wool, and flax are agricultural products and are covered under the NOP crop and livestock production standards – specifically National Organic Program (NOP) Regulation, 7 CFR Part 205. The NOP regulations do not include specific processing or manufacturing standards for textile products, these are covered by the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) . However, any textile product produced in full compliance with the NOP regulations may be labeled as NOP certified organic and display the USDA organic seal. The NOP does not restrict the use of the term “organic” in the labeling of textile products that are certified under third-party certification bodies as long as all of the fibers identified as “organic” meet NOP standards. Textile products that are produced in accordance with GOTS may be sold as organic in the U.S. but may not refer to NOP certification or display the USDA organic seal.

MASTERS OF LINEN ® | MASTERS OF LINEN® is a registered mark and sign of excellence for linen 100% Made in EUROPE, from field to yarn to fabric. A benchmark for both the trade and the consumer. It is administered by the CELC.

## **Organizations & Working Groups**

European Confederation of Flax and Hemp (CELC) | A European trade organization focused on all stages of production for linen & hemp. They act as a spokesperson for 10,000 European companies (including spinners, weavers, brands, and more) and oversee the fiber’s development from plant to finished product. Created in 1951, the CELC conducts market analyses for the purpose of promoting the hemp and linen industries.

## **Suggested Reading**