

# GRS

# Global Recycle Standard



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## What is GRS ?

The main agenda of GRS is increase use of recycled material in products to negotiate damage caused by its production on environment. The Global Recycled Standard does not address quality or legal compliance. The GRS is a voluntary standard that doesn't replace the legal or regulatory requirements of any country. Control Union Certifications (CU) originally developed the Global Recycled Standard (GRS) in 2008. The Textile Exchange acquired ownership in January 2011. The latest version of the standard, GRS 4.0, replaced the previous version, GRS 3.0, in July 2017. The next scheduled revision of the GRS is in 2021. The GRS certification mainly focus on increase the use of recycled materials. It provides a tool for companies to validate and communicate sustainability claims about their products. The Global Recycled Standard verifies recycled content in products.

PQSmitra offers Global Recycle Standard consulting services in Mumbai, India. Our role is to assist you and lead your business toward successful GRS certification. Our qualified Consultants check your existing system regarding GRS and help you improve it, strengthening the weaknesses through ongoing consultation and support.

GRS Is helpful for textile and apparel industry, to guarantee that manufacturers use sustainable production processes which are environmentally friendly, & having socially responsible working conditions. Following processes need to be include in supply chain to claim final product as GRS product from raw material to final product;

Material Collection → Recycling → Spinning → Weaving/Knitting → Dyeing → Confection  
→ Warehouse/Store Trade

At least 20% of total material need to be recycled, that can be pre-consumer material or post-consumer material.

Pre - consumer material: Material diverted from waste stream during manufacturing process.

Post-consumer material: Material return from distribution chain.

Full supply chain needs to be GRS certified.

Recycled GRS Logo can be used only when the product contains at least 50% GRS certified material.

## **What are the Focus Points of GRS Implementation?**

- Products that contain 20% or more Recycled Content.
- Material Recycling: Transaction Certificates
- Chain of Custody
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Reduce Harmful Impact of Production on People & Environment

## **How will GRS Certification benefit your Organization?**

- Reduce the use of Harmful Chemicals
- Tracking and Tracing Recycled Input Materials
- Ensure Good Working Conditions
- Global Recognition
- There is a standard Recycling Material Content Label

## **Who all are eligible for GRS certification?**

- Textile Industry
- Ginning
- Spinning
- Weaving and Knitting
- Dyeing and Printing
- Cutting and Sewing

## **What will be checked and controlled in the audit?**

Please refer manual of Textile Exchange Content Claim Standard Implementation on the website of certification body

## **Can the Global Recycled Standard (GRS) be applied to multiple textile products?**

Yes, the GRS can apply to any recycled material used in a finished product

## **What other factors addressed during GRS Certification?**

- GRS established Social requirement & Environment Requirement for product development.

## **What should be percentage of recycled material in GRS certified product?**

- GRS only applicable to products that contain 20% or more recycled material.

## **Why GRS certification is important for textile companies?**

- Using GRS certificate means your company reduce effects of production on the environment. It also provides assurance to the customer that products are developed in a climate where there is minimal harm to the environment

## **How will PQSmitra help you with Hassle Free Implementation process for GRS Certification?**

PQSmitra has helped many organizations achieve this mark of excellence. The simple and practical method of system implementation help organizations to set up a robust and effective system. PQSmitra is one of the leading GRS Certification Consultants in Mumbai, India. We offer 100% support for documentation compliance in addition to onsite guidance for effective implementation. The implementation process is described below:

- Initial visits & Review of the Existing System
- Gap Analysis & Documentation (Records & Procedures)
- Training and Hand holding/ Support for Implementation
- Final Verification before Audit
- Assessment by the Certification Body
- Corrective Action on Observation & Improvement (if any)
- Rewarding GRS Certificate to the Organization



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