Central Database System: Enhanced Traceability in GOTS Supply Chain

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Central Database System
a joint development with Textile Exchange

- Increase **efficiency and transparency** of certification and its related activities.

- **Prevent fraud** for certificates and duplicate organic orders by creating a single source for verification and volume reconciliation.

- Provide standards' **impact data** for GOTS and Textile Exchange.

- Provide opportunity for **traceability and material source data** for supply chain members and brands that was previously not possible with information held in many separate organizations.

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What will the CDS do ?

- All data will be held **centrally** rather than at CBs ends.

- Will **digitize current operations** of all CBs.

- Scope & Transaction Certificates can be issued by CDS.

- Reduce possibility of fraud because it will incorporate volume reconciliation – no duplication between GOTS & Textile Exchange.

- Will allow Certified Entities to **retain licence numbers** even with change of CBs – licence number will be issued by the CDS.

- Should **reduce time and costs** for issuing TCs.

CDS current status

- **Being developed by Chainpoint, Netherlands.**

- **Scope Certificates – development complete.**

- **Transaction Certificates – being tested at this time. Expect completion by October 2019.**

- **Expect operations to be online by end of 2019.**

- **CBs can use APIs to push data to the System or choose to use the System with manual entries.**

Future of CDS

- **GOTS will hand over the CDS asset to a neutrally located self-funded non-profit foundation.**

- **This Foundation will operate the CDS and develop it as and when required.**

- **Other Standard Bodies can join the Foundation and use the CDS architecture in the future.**

Your support is necessary !

Thank you !

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