GOTS India Seminar 2018

Being Future Efficient: Evolution of Standard

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Evolution ....

Image courtesy of the Smithsonian’s Human Origins Program; John Gurche, reconstructions artist
Evolution: right or wrong?
What we thought was cool is not any more ...
Or is it?


Are we going backwards?
We cannot deny that there is change.

- We understand things better now.
- We take care of ourselves.
- We take care of things around us.
- We take care of the environment.
- We recognise the ill effects of our profligacy.
- And we are trying to mend our ways.

(Really?)
The GOTS Vision remains the same

Organic textiles will become a significant part of everyday life, enhancing people’s lives and the environment.

Photo Courtesy: Textile Exchange
And it continues to evolve...
COMBINED PRODUCT
[name of component] certified to GOTS

‘Organic’
Certified by [certifier’s ref.]
[licence number]
So what else is new?

A few things of interest
Centralised Database System

- Jointly with Textile Exchange
- Partial funding support received from GIZ, Germany
- Vendor finalised.
- Negotiations completed with Vendor
- Contract documentation being reviewed.
- Identified Swiss firm for Foundation groundwork.
- First detailing meeting with vendor completed.
What will the CDS do?

- All data held centrally rather than at CBs ends.
- Scope & Transaction Certificates issued by CDS.
- Reduce possibility of fraud because it will incorporate volume reconciliation - no duplication between TE and GOTS.
- Provide vital and reliable information to GOTS & TE related to impact and other assessment.
GM in Organic Cotton

- The need to address the GM conundrum.
- GOTS will now require all Seed Cotton to be tested for GM, where test methods are relatively robust.
- Testing of processed cotton is still unreliable. A project is now underway to hopefully solve this problem.

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- Financial support from the Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA).
- Standardisation Bodies will be involved along with a Reference Laboratory.
- Estimated time: 8 to 12 months.
GM testing project (continued)

Expected outcomes:

1. Confirmation if testing is possible with fibre and textiles
2. Comparison of available test methods
3. Extensive Round Robin with (selected) laboratories
4. Recommended test protocol

- Eventually may lead to an ISO standard for testing
GOTS standard revision

- One year process will commence March 2019.
- Should you have any suggestions or comments, please do send them in through your respective stakeholder associations (see list of stakeholders on GOTS website).
- Suggest changes to your CBs
- Be part of the evolution of GOTS.
So there are quite a few things going on ..

- And you are all invited to be part of this journey.
Thank you.

And now on to the panel ...
Futuristic Certification Systems for Textile Chemicals

Panel Discussion
Panellists

- **Lars Doemer**, Co-Founder, GoBlu International
- **Dr Pankaj Desai**, Head- Research & Development, Colourtex
- **Dr Rajesh Ramamurthy**, Head – Product Stewardship Asia, Archroma
- **Dr Siva Pariti**, Global Technical Program Manager, Sustainable Textile Solutions
- **Shriram Atgur**, Head- Sustainability & Product Stewardship, AEON
Format

- **Opening remarks**: 5 minutes for each speaker
  - Compliance requirements / certification schemes for the textile chemical industry
  - Interoperability of MRSLs and certification schemes
  - How do certification systems contribute to improvement in business efficiency
  - Certification / Approval schemes as tools for Risk Management
  - View about GOTS - Practical or Stringent?

- **Q&A with audience participation**
Thank you all!