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.
• 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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