

Introduction.

The Global Recycle Standard (GRS) developed by Control Union allows companies to stand behind their recycled content claims and have confidence that all production processes have undergone the proper steps to ensure the integrity of the final product.

The GRS is intended for companies that are making and/or selling products with recycled content. The standard applies to the full supply chain and addresses traceability, environmental principles, social requirements, and labeling. Developed with the textile industry in mind, the GRS may also be applied to products from any industry.



There is NO AWAY.

The Basic Principles of GRS.

In 2008 the first version of the Global Recycle Standard was launched. The standard consists of four pillars: traceability, environment, labor regulations, and labeling.

Traceability

Traceability within the certified company is key to this certification scheme. The standard requires that a mass balance test is performed on all certified companies, ensuring that the amount of recycled inputs correspond to the amount of recycled outputs. The standard uses a transaction certificate system that allows for optimal tracking of recycled materials.

Environment

Control Union has included basic but crucial environmental requirements in the Global Recycle Standard. These include strict wastewater treatment requirements based on well-established requirements and industry standards as well as an environmental plan.

Social

Social responsibility is also incorporated into the GRS, which ensures workers' health and safety and upholds workers' labor rights in accordance with the International Labor Organization (ILO) criteria.

Labeling

The GRS labeling requirements require certified companies to clearly specify the percentage of pre and/or post-consumer content in their certified products.

Using the GRS

Brands and retailers

If you want to have your products certified to the GRS, you simply have to advise your suppliers that this is a requirement for the recycled products you purchase from them; they will be responsible for arranging certification.

Producers and traders

Control Union is the current certification body certifying to the GRS. An application form can be downloaded from <http://certification.controlunion.com/> or by email (certifications@controlunion.com). Based on the information provided, Control Union Certifications will provide you with an offer. As soon as you have accepted the offer, they will begin the certification process.

