

Annex 4 to the Business Partner Declaration on Sustainability: Cotton

To all Otto Group business partners for merchandise
(only own and licensed brands)

Integral part of the Business Partner Declaration

The Annex is an integral part of the Business Partner Declaration. All conditions referred to in this declaration and in the Business Partner Declaration are binding for the business partner.

Scope of application

The following requirements apply to all business partners of the Group's own (own and licensed brands) merchandise.

Detailed requirements for cotton and accepted cotton standards

From March 1, 2031 (goods receipt date) on, **only certified cotton may be used** The accepted certificates are listed below.

Valid and accepted proof of certification must be available.

This provision applies to the following assortments and components:

Sub-assortments	Components per sub-assortment
Clothing, home textiles, bags & backpacks	Upper material, lining, filling/padding; Excluded: Accessories on clothing (e.g. drawstrings), cuffs and backing layer for artificial leather products
Shoes	Upper material, sole, insole, lining
Rugs	Upper material, base layer / carrier material
Mattresses	Cover, core structure / foam / spring core
Textile accessories and other textiles	Upper material, lining, filling/padding
Furniture	Entire product scope
Garden & outdoor	Entire product scope

List of cotton standards and certificates accepted by the Otto Group

Recycled cotton

- Global Recycling Standard (GRS)
- Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)

Organic cotton

- Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)
- Organic Content Standard (OCS)
- Natural textile IVN certified BEST
- Cotton made in Africa organic
- bioRe Sustainable Cotton
- OEKO-TEX Organic Cotton

Regenerative cotton

- Regenerative Cotton Standard (RCS)
- Regenagri Content Standard

Other accepted cotton standards

- Cotton made in Africa INSIDE (CmiA HIP)
- Organic cotton in conversion (GOTS/OCS in conversion)