

# Certification Eligibility Policy

This policy defines the overall eligibility for certification and licensing to Textile Exchange standards. *ASR-225 Certification Eligibility Policy* version 2.0 represented a major revision to this document as it was previously intended as both a policy and a reference list of banned entities. As of version 2.0 and all versions thereafter, it is now only a policy that defines overall eligibility related to the Textile Exchange standards system.

The eligibility criteria found in Section A of this document apply to all entities seeking certification to or licensing for a Textile Exchange standard(s), in addition to all other criteria in the applicable standard(s) and/or related documents (i.e., the criteria within Section A of this document applies to all organizations, certification bodies, and accreditation bodies).

Entities previously listed in *ASR-225 Certification Eligibility Policy and List of Banned Entities* and *ASR-226 List of Farms Banned for Critical Non-Conformities* are now listed in *TE-TXL-LOG-225 Banned Entities Log*.

Questions about this policy may be sent to [assurance@textileexchange.org](mailto:assurance@textileexchange.org).

## Section A – Policy Implementation and Certification Eligibility

### A1. Implementation

The following implementation timelines apply:

- A1.1** The *ASR-225 Certification Eligibility Policy* version 2.0 replaces *ASR-225 Certification Eligibility Policy and List of Banned Entities* version 2025.9, is effective January 1, 2026, and may be used immediately.
- A1.2** The mandatory implementation date for *ASR-225 Certification Eligibility Policy* version 2.0 is January 1, 2026. All certification and accreditation activities conducted on or after January 1, 2026, shall meet the criteria of *Certification Eligibility Policy* version 2.0.

### A2. References

- A2.1** In addition to the criteria of *ASR-225 Certification Eligibility Policy*, all entities are subject to the criteria of the related Textile Exchange standard(s) and/or documents as applicable to their certification and accreditation activities, such as (but not limited to):
  - A2.1.1** [ASR-101 Accreditation and Certification Procedures for Textile Exchange Standards](#);
  - A2.1.2** [CCS-101 Content Claim Standard](#);

- A2.1.3** [\*GRS-101 Global Recycled Standard\*](#);
- A2.1.4** [\*OCS-101 Organic Content Standard\*](#);
- A2.1.5** [\*RAF-101a Responsible Wool Standard\*](#);
- A2.1.6** [\*RAF-101b Responsible Mohair Standard\*](#);
- A2.1.7** [\*RAF-101c Responsible Alpaca Standard\*](#);
- A2.1.8** [\*RCS-101 Recycled Claim Standard\*](#);
- A2.1.9** [\*RDS-101 Responsible Down Standard\*](#); and
- A2.1.10** [\*TT-MM-STN-101 Materials Matter Standard\*](#)

### A3. Certification Eligibility

- A3.1** Certification or licensing (as applicable) to any Textile Exchange standard shall not be issued to any entity(ies) restricted under any of the laws of the United States, or any products made in whole or in part by entities that are restricted by the United States, or any products that are restricted from entry based on the laws of the United States, including, but not limited to the following:
  - A3.1.1** The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security Entity List (<https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/regulations-docs/2326-supplement-no-4-to-part-744-entity-list-4/file>);
  - A3.1.2** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC):
    - a. List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>); and
    - b. Regions subject to comprehensive economic sanctions (<https://ofac.treasury.gov/sanctions-programs-and-country-information>).
  - A3.1.3** The scope of a Withhold Release Order issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/forced-labor/withhold-release-orders-and-findings>); and
  - A3.1.4** Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 or any other list promulgated pursuant to Section 307 (19 U.S.C. § 1307) (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2011-title19/pdf/USCODE-2011-title19-chap4-subtitleI-partI-sec1307.pdf>).
- A3.2** Any entity named in TE-TXL-LOG-225 with an active ban shall **not**:

- A3.2.1** Be certified or listed as a site or subcontractor on a scope certificate for any Textile Exchange standard;
- A3.2.2** Act as or on behalf of any Textile Exchange certification body (e.g. as a subcontractor);
- A3.2.3** Make any claims regarding any Textile Exchange standard, including claims of being able to offer certification services or certified product; and/or
- A3.2.4** Be eligible for Textile Exchange membership. For active members, membership benefits shall be revoked when the ban is enacted.

NOTE: For the absence of doubt, no entity named in TE-TXL-LOG-225 shall be eligible for certification and/or authorization to provide services, claims, or products claiming to be certified to any Textile Exchange standard while the ban is active (i.e. until the noted expiry date). This includes (but is not limited to) certification bodies, accreditation bodies, consultants, farms, producers, traders, brands, retailers, distributors, etc.

- A3.3** Textile Exchange may ban any non-licensed entity or certified or non-certified organization, and/or deny the certification or renewal of a certification to any Textile Exchange standard(s) based on a recommendation from a responsible certification body, as resolution to a complaint (see [ASR-110 Complaints and Feedback Policy](#)), and/or Textile Exchange's own identified risks to the integrity of the Textile Exchange standard(s) system.

EXAMPLE: Bans issued by other certification schemes such as the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) would pose risks to the integrity of the *Organic Content Standard (OCS)* as GOTS certified materials are permitted to be used as inputs into the OCS and therefore, may result in a similar ban from certification to all Textile Exchange standards.