

THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL (Sponsored By Government of India)

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<u>Sub: Your valued participation in the Council's General Certificate of Conformity</u> (<u>GCC</u>) <u>Programme</u>

Dear Member,

The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) has tied up with Control Union Certifications India Pvt. Ltd. one of India's leading certification agencies to deliver Blockchain based General Certificate of Conformity for Indian Farm Cotton across the value chain.

GCC is a platform for Indian Farm Cotton to ensure traceability of Indian Origin Fibre in Finished Products and is capable of providing Farm level Traceability to Buyers/Retailers through Transaction certificates, backed by QR code-based software module for complete supply chain traceability using Blockchain technology.

Process flow for onboarding the GCC program

- 1. Application: The Company interested to enrol for the GCC program will be required to submit an Application Form. The application will be reviewed by TEXPROCIL along with the certifying body.
- 2. Contract (Service Agreement): On approval of the application an offer letter in the form of a contract, on behalf of the Council is sent by the certifying body, which has to be accepted on email by the company.
- 3. Planning: On receipt of the acceptance by the client, the audit of the manufacturing unit of the client is planned and scheduled by the certifying body.
- 4. Onsite Verification: Audit of the manufacturing unit is carried out by the certifying body. A detailed report of the audit is prepared including non-conformity if any for correction.
- 5. Registration Certificate (RC) A Registration certificate is issued based on the audit report within 15 days of the audit.

The GCC program will benefit the entire textile value chain from ginners to processors to manufacturers. The program presents an excellent opportunity to your organization to validate the use of farm cotton from India in your manufacturing and

thereby establishes your company's credentials with International Brands, Retailers, Sourcing companies and Importers.

Nearly 150 companies across the cotton value chain have already registered for the programme and Transaction Certificates have been issued. Brands such as Target, PVH and others are enquiring about the programme.

For more information on the GCC program you may please <u>click here</u> or write to <u>gcc.cu@texprocil.org; gcc@controlunion.com</u>

Regards,

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