Sustainability report of a product

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Natua Organic Branding Oy Changer college textile

SUMMARY

College shirt made from GOTS certified organic cotton and recycled polyester, printed in Finland with water-based ink.

Competitive Sustainability Features



Material, recycling rate:

100%

Data source:

The polyester used in the garments comes from recycled plastic bottles.

Sustainability facet: circular-economy

Lifecycle phase: raw-materials



Certificates/labels, material, cotton:

GOTS

Data source:

Sustainability facet: climate-change, biodiversity, environment, water, human-rights, decent-work

Lifecycle phase: raw-materials

GOTS defines the criteria for organic production, which takes into account not only environmental criteria, such as banning the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, efficient recycling of water, but also dimensions of social responsibility. GOTS requires employers in the entire production chain to comply with the criteria set by the International Labor Organization (ILO). Working hours and wages must be reasonable and working conditions safe. In addition, forced labor, child labor, discrimination and other inhumane treatment are prohibited.

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Certificates/labels, material, recycled polyester:

Data source:

GRS

The standard applies to the full supply chain and addresses traceability, environmental principles, social requirements, chemical content, and labelling. All the recycled cotton materials, recycled polyester, and recycled nylon we use is GRS certified.

Sustainability facet:

climate-change, biodiversity, environment, water, human-rights, decent-work

Lifecycle phase:

raw-materials

Solar energy

Some suppliers utilize solar energy in energy production.



Origin of energy used, production, garments:

Data source:

Sustainability facet:

climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production



Energy efficiency, garment printing:

Air heat pumps, modern equipment

The production facilities are heated with air heat pumps. Modern equipment ensures maximum energy efficiency. The production process is optimized in a way that enables efficient equipment use and avoids running equipment unnecessarily.

Sustainability facet: climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production



Environment, production, garment printing:

Water-based ink

Data source:

Data source:

Garment printing is done with water-based ink.

Sustainability facet: environment, water

Lifecycle phase: production



Environment, production, garment printing:

Chemical free pressure screen washing

chemicals and the resulting water is also chemical free.

Data source:



Sustainability facet:

environment, water

Lifecycle phase: production



Animal welfare, garments:

Sustainability facet: biodiversity

Lifecycle phase: raw-materials, production No animal derived materials or animal testing

Data source:

The garments do not contain any animal fibers, nor are ingredients or formulations tested on animals.

Automating pressure screen washing requires no use of

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Worker wellbeing, production, cotton cultivation, spinning & ginning, garments:

Data source:

GOTS

Own audits &

The company makes regular visits to cotton farms and production factories. They also have on-site employees to monitor compliance with their social responsibility standards. GOTS requires employers in the entire production chain to comply with the criteria set by the International Labor Organization (ILO). Working hours and wages must be reasonable and working conditions safe. In addition, forced labor, child labor, discrimination and

other inhumane treatment are prohibited.

Sustainability facet:

human-rights, decent-work

Lifecycle phase:

raw-materials, production

GOTS

Certificates/labels,

finished garments:

Data source:

Sustainability facet:

climate-change, biodiversity, environment, water, human-rights, decent-work

Lifecycle phase: production

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Minimum Level of Sustainability



Manufacturing country, garment printing:

Finland

Data source:

The garments are printed in Finland.

Sustainability facet:

Lifecycle phase: production



Origin of energy used, production, recycled polyester:

Wooden pellets

Data source:

The energy used in the production of the recycled polyester originates from burning wooden pellets.

Sustainability facet:

climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production



Energy efficiency, production, garments:

Sustainability facet: climate-change,

environment

Lifecycle phase: production

EMS, EGBs, modern equipment

Data source:

Most suppliers have energy management systems (EMSs) in place to track energy consumption per unit. Exhaust Gas Boilers (EGBs) are also in use to recover some natural gas losses in a linked boiler system. Suppliers also upgrade to modern, more energy efficient

equipment.

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Lifecycle phase: production

Sustainability facet: environment, climate-change

Lifecycle phase: production



Sustainability facet: environment, climate-change

Lifecycle phase: production



Waste and surplus management, garment printing:

Sustainability facet: environment, water, circular-economy

Lifecycle phase: production

Closed water cycle

Effluent Treatment

Plants

Data source:

Collecting and

Data source:

ISO14001

Data source:

Sustainability

Data source:

Optimized ink use

& recycling

Data source:

team

utilizing offcuts

Data source:

Some suppliers use a closed water cycle in production, therefore no wastewater is generated. No data available how much of the whole production utilizes closed water cycles.

The company's factories have Biological Effluent Treatment Plants that treat the water used in the manufacturing process. In some factories, the treated wastewater is utilized in e.g. car washing, and gardening.

Waste fabric is collected to create recycled yarn for the company's accessory range.

ISO 14001 sets out the criteria for an environmental management system and can be certified to. It maps out a framework that a company or organization can follow to set up an effective environmental management system. Some suppliers utilize this standard, some are in the implementation process.

A four person sustainability team is in charge of the company's sustainability strategy and short term actions.

The precise amount of printing ink is prepared for each job. All excess ink is collected and recycled.

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Certificates/labels, fabric dye:

Sustainability facet: environment, water

Lifecycle phase: production

GOTS, Standard 100 by Oeko-tex

Data source:

Chemical formulators are required to implement product stewardship practices and undergo an on-site audit for environmental management systems, as well as occupational health and safety. Standard 100 by Oeko-tex is used for the assessment of harmful substances in fabrics and confirms that the garments are processed without chemical substances that are harmful to human health and the environment. The standard also prohibits certain potentially harmful substances even where these are not yet legally banned, and it confirms that the products comply with the EU REACH regulation.



Worker wellbeing, production, garments:

Sustainability facet: human-rights, decent-work

Lifecycle phase: raw-materials, production

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Fair Wear Foundation

Data source:

Data source:

Members of the Fair Wear Foundation (FWF) are committed to ensure that employees in clothing production have safe working conditions, decent working hours and wages, employment contracts, etc. The use of child labour is forbidden in production.

Printing country In Finland, labor rights are respected and workers' Finland well-being generally ensured.



Potential improvements



Material, recycling rate:

Data source:

0%

The items contain no recycled materials. The use of recycled materials keeps the resources tied to them in circulation and accelerates the transition to a circular economy.

Sustainability facet: circular-economy

Lifecycle phase: raw-materials

Origin of energy used,

Natural gas production, garments: Data source:

Sustainability facet: climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production

The energy used in production is derived from natural gas. Natural gas is a fossil fuel. Energy produced with fossil fuels is one of the biggest factors influencing

global warming.

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Origin of energy used, garment printing:

Sustainability facet: climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production

Nuclear power 46,9%, fossil fuels & peat 40,1%, renewable energy 13%.

Data source:

Due to financial reasons, the company needed to switch from a renewable energy-based electricity contract to a standard one. A switch back to renewable energy-based electricity will be made once it's possible. Energy produced with fossil fuels is one of the biggest factors influencing global warming. Renewable energy sources are a less emission-intensive alternative to fossil energy sources. Utilizing additional renewable energy such as wind- or solar energy is the most sustainable choice. Additional renewable energy is a form of energy that can be added and its usage accelerates the transition to fossil free energy production.



Sustainability issues and risks

No significant sustainability issues detected from the material available.



Missing data, critical



Origin of energy used,

warehousing:

Sustainability facet: climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production



Energy efficiency, warehousing:

Sustainability facet: climate-change, environment

Lifecycle phase: production

No information available

No information

available

Data source:

Data source:

No information available on the origin of energy used in warehousing.

No information available on energy efficiency measures

used in warehousing.

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Missing data, non critical

Logistics transport fuel

Sustainability facet: climate-change

Lifecycle phase: logistics

No information available

Data source:

There is no information available on the fuel used in logistics during different stages of production. Logistics are still very dependent on fossil fuels and cause about 7% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions. Logistics are estimated to grow almost fourfold by 2050, so the transition to low-carbon modes of transport is critical in terms of carbon

dioxide emissions.

Logistics optimization

Sustainability facet: climate-change

Lifecycle phase: logistics

No information available

Data source:

There is no information available on how logistics are optimized. Logistics can be optimized in several ways, which can significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Such means include vehicle maintenance, driver training, loading, route selection and scheduling. Optimizing logistics can also improve business profitability.

Other product features

Material: Cotton

Data source:

The items are made of cotton. Cotton cultivation is very water-intensive. Cotton cultivation brings monoculture, which leads to biodiversity loss. In addition, child and forced labor is often used in the cotton production chain. However, it should be noted that replacing virgin cotton fiber is currently difficult, so its use is justified in certain situations. In these cases, however, the use of GOTS and Fair Trade certified cotton is recommended.

Material: Polyester

Data source:

The items are made of a blend of cotton and recycled

polyester.

Material, origin, cotton:

India

The organic cotton originates from India.

Material, origin, recycled

polyester:

China

Data source:

Data source:

The recycled polyester used in making the garments

originates from China and is made from

post-consumer PET bottles.

Manufacturing country, material, cotton ginning:

India

Cotton ginning is done in India.

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Data source:

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Manufacturing country, Bangladesh The cotton is spun into yarn in Bangladesh. material, cotton spinning: Data source: Manufacturing country, India Cotton ginning is done in India. material, cotton ginning: Data source: Manufacturing country, Bangladesh The cotton is spun into yarn in Bangladesh. material, cotton spinning: Data source: Manufacturing country, China The recycled polyester is manufactured in China. material, recycled Data source: polyester: Manufacturing country, Bangladesh The cotton is made into fabric, dyed, sewn and material, garments: finished in Bangladesh. Data source: Sea freight or road Materials and finished garments are shipped via sea Transportation mode, freight and using road transport. materials, garments: transport Data source: Transportation mode, Road transport Items are sent to customers using road transport. printed garments: Data source: Standard 100 by Certificates/labels, Standard 100 by Oeko-tex is used for the assessment garments: Oeko-tex of harmful substances in fabrics and confirms that the garments are processed without chemical substances Data source: that are harmful to human health and the environment. The standard also prohibits certain potentially harmful substances even where these are not yet legally banned, and it confirms that the products comply with the EU REACH regulation.

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