

Content Claim Standard Transition Policy 3.0

This policy defines the transitional measures for standards, assurance, and certification with the publication of *CCS-101-V3.0 Content Claim Standard* (CCS 3.0) on July 1, 2021. This policy is applicable to all certified organizations, certification bodies, and accreditation bodies who work with the CCS.

Section A - Summary Structure

Listed below are the standard, policies, procedures, and support materials that make up the standard system:

A1.1 [ASR-101 Accreditation and Certification Procedures for Textile Exchange Standards;](#)

A1.2 [ASR-103 Policy for Scope Certificates;](#)

A1.3 [ASR-104 Policy for Transaction Certificates;](#)

A1.4 [ASR-213 Materials, Processes, and Products Classification;](#)

A1.5 [CCS-102 CCS Certification Procedures;](#)

A1.6 [CCS-105 Alternative Volume Reconciliation \(VR2\);](#)

A1.7 [CCS-106 Policy for Supply Chain Group Certification;](#)

A1.8 [CCS-107 Policy for Multi-Site Certification with Sampling of Sites;](#)

A1.9 [TE-301 Standards Claims Policy](#)

A1.10 [CCS-201 CCS User Manual](#)

NOTE: All supplementary documents may be subject to more frequent updates outside of the CCS revision cycle and without separate public consultation.

The CCS 3.0 replaces *CCS-101-V2.0 Content Claim Standard* (CCS 2.0).

Section B - Transition Period

- B1.1** The CCS 3.0 is effective July 1, 2021.
- B1.2** Organizations being audited to the CCS may request that the CCS 3.0 be used as of the effective date. The certification body may choose to conduct audits using the CCS 3.0 as of this date.
- B1.3** Sites certified to the CCS 2.0 shall conform with the CCS 3.0 by July 1, 2022.
- B1.3.1** Sites using alternative volume reconciliation shall adhere to timelines laid out in *CCS-105 Alternative Volume Reconciliation (VR2)*.
- B1.4** All audits conducted on or after July 1, 2022 shall be conducted using CCS 3.0
- B1.5** All materials certified to CCS 2.0 may be used as inputs into CCS 3.0.
- B1.6** All materials certified to CCS 3.0 may be used as inputs into CCS 2.0.
- B1.7** Brands which are required to be certified to the CCS 3.0 shall be certified prior to making claims, including physical application of labels (directly or via their supplier), on or after July 1, 2022.
- NOTE: While product-related claims referencing the CCS are not permitted, the CCS includes criteria which determine the eligibility of products certified under related standards to be labeled. All claims to Textile Exchange standards are required to conform with *TE-301 Standards Claims Policy* by November 1, 2021.
- B1.8** Transaction certificates which name traders who are not required to be certified under the CCS 3.0 may be issued provided that the transaction certificate meets the criteria of *ASR-104-V3.0 Policy for Transaction Certificates* or any subsequent versions.