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Supporting information on equivalence proposed to be included in the User Manual:

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Summary: During the revision process stakeholders requested that certifications that may be used to verify compliance with criteria shall be listed. A first proposed listing is presented in this note for the cotton and CSR criteria, supported by analysis in the Technical Background Report. As these listings are proposed to be provided in the User Manual there would be the opportunity to update them over time.	

1. Cotton and other natural cellulosic seed fibres (including kapok)

(b) Production standard 2: Cotton grown according to IPM principles

Certification by the following IPM schemes shall be accepted as demonstrating compliance – the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI), AGRO 2 (Greece), Cotton Made in Africa and Fair Trade.

Cotton produced under the USDA IPM programme, the Australian Better Management Programme (BMP) and all programmes endorsed by the UN FAO shall additionally be required to meet the pesticide requirement in criteria 1(c).

(d) Traceability requirements applying to organic and IPM cotton

Cotton certified according to the GOTS, Fair Trade, OE Blended and OE 100 standards, as well as equivalent content claim or traceability standards shall be accepted as complying with these requirements.

26. Fundamental principles and rights at work

Third Party verification of factory sites to the following standards and codes of conduct shall be recognised as their core criteria reflect the ILO standards:

Equivalent codes of conduct:
- OECD Guidelines for Multi-National Enterprises: Recommendations on human rights and on employment and industrial relations
- The United Nations Global Compact: Principles on Human rights and Labour
- The Joint Initiative on Corporate Accountability and Workers Rights (JO-IN): the Draft Code of Labour Practice

Equivalent standards:
- ISO 26000: Human rights and Labour practice components
- Social Accountability 8000 (SA8000)
- Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)
- Fair Wear Foundation (FWF)
- Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI)
- Fair Labor Association (FLA)