



bioRe® Sustainable Textiles Standard

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1. Purpose

This document specifies the ethical, social and environmental requirements of the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles Standard. In other words, the document sets the criteria under which the exclusive licensee of bioRe®, Remei AG, ensures supply chain management and sources ready-made textiles from its supply-chain partners.

2. About the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard

bioRe® Foundation is the owner of the brand/ trademark bioRe® and defines the standards for bioRe® Sustainable Cotton and bioRe® Sustainable Textiles. Remei AG is the exclusive licensee of the quality labels bioRe® Sustainable Cotton and bioRe® Sustainable Textiles and provides the use of both quality labels to clients through contracts.

The bioRe® Sustainable Cotton standard ensures organic cotton and reflects the sourcing principles towards small contract producers in India and Tanzania. It is developed in close collaboration with its core stakeholders, the smallholder organic cotton farmers and the bioRe® organisations in India and Tanzania.

The bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard reflects sourcing and manufacturing principles in a comprehensive sustainable supply chain including all supply chain processes covering Tier 1 till Tier 4. Throughout the supply chain, the way all partners work together is guided by the following five values: Organic cotton grown without GMO, fair production, ecological and skin-friendly, CO₂-neutral and traceable back to farming.

The role of Remei AG within the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard is securing availability of bioRe® Sustainable Cotton in the supply chain, active supply chain development, product development and internal control of adherence of supply chain partners to the principles of this standard.

For further information about the bioRe® Sustainable Cotton and the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard, visit www.biore.ch.

3. Underlying values

The standard defines social, environmental and transparency criteria with regard to the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles production.

The framework is based on a human rights based approach, enhancing effective and right-based participation of beneficiaries and the implementation of human rights principles to protect human and nature. It is based on long term cooperation with supply chain partners, who are implementing continuously improvements for input and supply chain management. A direct dialogue and regular visits to the local production facilities are important measures in the building up and development of the supplier network and offer a direct insight into the social and ecological production conditions.

4. Scope

The bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard applies to the supply chain processes of the further processing of bioRe® Sustainable Cotton till the ready-made textiles. The scope includes all processing steps after ginning onwards till the ready-made textiles.

5. List of requirements

1. Structural requirements

- 1.1. Remei AG implements an internal management system for the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard.
- 1.2. Remei AG leads and controls a supply chain management system for the entire textile chain from the product conception/ design phase through the production to the finished product covering the five values: Organic cotton grown without GMO, fair production, ecological and skin-friendly, CO₂-neutral and traceable back to farming.
- 1.3. Remei follows sourcing principles to ensure stable relationship with supplier and buyers.
- 1.4. Remei AG publishes the performance regarding the implementation of the bioRe® Sustainable Textiles standard annually in a transparent manner.

2. bioRe® Sustainable Cotton

- 2.1. All cotton, except accessories and additional fibre materials, used for the production of bioRe® Sustainable Textiles must origin from cotton fibres of bioRe® Sustainable Cotton.
- 2.2. Remei AG controls through every supply chain that bioRe® Sustainable Cotton has been used for the production of bioRe® Sustainable Textiles.
- 2.3. Remei AG conducts annually a plausibility check of the mass flow of used bioRe® Sustainable Cotton for the production of bioRe® Sustainable Textiles.

3. Fair Production

- 3.1.** Direct suppliers of Remei AG in high risk countries according to amfori must be SA 8000 certified.
- 3.2.** Sub suppliers of direct suppliers in high risk countries according to amfori, which are not SA 8000 certified, have to be amfori BSCI audited.

4. Ecological and skin-friendly

- 4.1.** The bioRe® Sustainable Textiles products are fulfilling the product requirement (PAP) of bioRe® Sustainable Textiles.
- 4.2.** All supply chain partners are aware and follow the implementation of the PAP.

5. CO₂ neutral

- 5.1.** Remei AG calculates the carbon footprint of the produced bioRe® Sustainable Textiles.
- 5.2.** Remei AG calculates the generated CO₂- emission savings from carbon off set project of the bioRe® organisations.
- 5.3.** Remei AG ensure monitoring and reporting documents regarding the CO₂- neutrality of bioRe® Sustainable Textiles.

6. Retraceable back to farming

- 6.1.** Every bioRe® Sustainable Textiles product is retraceable back to the farming (origin of cotton).
- 6.2.** Every bioRe® Sustainable Textiles product contains a traceability code, which is traceable by means of an online traceability tool related to the respective levels of production.

6. Terms and definitions

bioRe® Sustainable Textiles Standard: Criteria under which Remei AG ensures supply chain management and sourcing of ready-made textiles from its supply-chain partners (from yarn until finished product).

bioRe® Sustainable Cotton Standard: Criteria applicable to the production of bioRe® sustainable cotton, (from farming until spinning).

bioRe® Foundation: is the owner of the brand/ trademark bioRe® and the quality labels bioRe® Sustainable Cotton and bioRe® Sustainable Textiles. The purpose of the bioRe® Foundation is to promote organic or biodynamic agriculture, in particular concerning cotton as a sustainable livelihood.

Remei AG: is the exclusive licensee of the quality labels bioRe® Sustainable Cotton and bioRe® Sustainable Textiles. Remei AG ensures the implementation of both quality labels and product requirements within the entire supply chain.

SA 8000: Is a comprehensive, voluntary standard for auditable third-party verification, setting out the requirements to be met by organisations, including the establishment or improvement of workers' rights, workplace conditions and an effective management system.

Amfori- BSCI: The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) supports companies to drive social compliance and improvements within the factories by implementing the principle international labour standards protecting workers' rights such as International Labor Organization (ILO) conventions and declarations.

PAP: Product requirement of bioRe® Sustainable Textiles.

GMO: Genetic modified organism.

7. Change history

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8. Contact

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