Responsible Wool Standard 2.0 Revision and Responsible Mohair Standard 1.0 IWG Call #12

Date: 13, February 2020

Topic(s): Final Feedback and Transition Policy

Attendees

From Textile Exchange: Hanna Denes, Callie Weldon, Val Colden

- Carla de Clerk – Control Union
- Anna Heaton – Animal Welfare Consultant
- Haldi Kranich-Wood – British Wool
- Ian Wicklen – Merrythought
- Ines Peixoto
- Karin Wiske – Varner
- Mandy Lucas- Animal Welfare Consultant
- Salma Abaoubida - jaccadi
- Pedro Otegui – Lanas Trinidad
- Priyanka Vasudev – Aritzia
- Nathalie Borderie - Carroll

Call Notes

News and Updates

Schedule:

The Public Feedback Period ran from November 6th- January 8th

The final drafts of the RWS 2.0 & RMS 1.0 were sent out on January 30th.

Feedback on the final drafts will be collected until February 13th.

Revised final drafts will be circulated by February 20th. The IWG members who have signed the charter will have one vote (yes or no) for each of these documents. We have sent out individual emails as a reminder for those who have already signed the digital charter.

An electronic vote on the final drafts will take place after February 20th.
RWS Revision/RMS Development Process

Voting Process

If you have not signed the charter and would like the opportunity to vote on the final draft, please sign our digital document below:

https://form.jotform.com/193467003000141
Summary of Changes

We will be sending out a summary of changes document that will give a higher level overview of the changes that have occurred to the RWS and RMS for each both the IWG and public feedback periods.

Feedback Overview

- Transport times - exemption possibility
- Transport guidance – remove requirement
- User manual – language and use
- Scope certificate validity period – certification procedures.

Feedback summary – with follow up
RWS and RMS IWG Objectives

• Development / Revision
  • Define the goals, objectives, and theory of change for the RWS and RMS, to be expressed in the RWS and RMS Terms of Reference.
  • Review the criteria of the RWS and RMS and draft a revision of the standard, in accordance with the RWS and RMS Terms of Reference.

• Implementation
  • Support interpretation decisions and minor revisions following the release of the updated RWS and RMS.
  • Support the monitoring and evaluation of the standard against the goals identified in the RWS and RMS Terms of Reference.
  • Support the success of the RWS and the RMS through identifying risks and opportunities.

After the launch of the RWS and RMS we will not disband the IWG. The group will stay intact on an ongoing basis to help with implementation and topics listed above. We will schedule calls (less frequently) throughout the year to discuss these topics as they come up.

Release Plan: Supporting Documents

Supporting documentation

• User Manual
  • Animal Welfare - complete
  • Land Management – in development
  • Social Welfare – in development

Example from the RDS:

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<th>Number</th>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Level</th>
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<td>AMS.12</td>
<td>Measures shall be taken to remove lighting and/or feather picking.</td>
<td>E3</td>
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<td>AMS.13</td>
<td>If the capacity of a barn is more than 3400, a separation wall shall be high enough that waterfowl are not able to see each other.</td>
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<td>AMS.14</td>
<td>Fish shall be reared in a fish farm environment. This includes providing living space, ensuring the amount of space provided, and providing access to water deep enough to immerse their heads.</td>
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<td>AMS.15</td>
<td>Fish can also address the risk of parasites by making the food offer and improving water quality and hygiene standards when the fish are very young.</td>
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Guidance Sections

Animal Welfare

In the guidance section, the animal welfare requirements have been listed and additional comments on what compliance with these requirements will look like. In some cases, there are guidance points that only apply to small farms. In many cases, these provide guidance on how a requirement is adapted to cover small farms.

Chain of custody

The guidance sections on chain of custody provides information on how to meet the chain of custody requirements.

Additional Guidance

Additional good practice guidance and links to further information is also provided for some requirements. This information is often not vetted but may be helpful in learning how to meet the requirement.

Templates

Plan Templates

Many of the requirements in the Responsible Dairy Standard require that a written plan be available for the auditor to review. The plans are not required to look exactly like this template in this document, but they are helpful guidelines to ensure your written plans cover all the required elements. If you do not already have a plan, these should help you get started.
We are in the process of redoing our Textile Exchange website which will include an RWS microsite housed under the main Textile Exchange website. The RMS will follow suite in this way.
A draft logo of the RMS stamp. We are working to help the goat have a little more wool added to his outline 😊

RWS in Action

RWS in action

Supply
- Supply forecast
- Supplier profiles (part of website transition)

Webinar and case study series
- Supply
- Sourcing

Possible questions to explore:
- What did the process look like from first exploring the possibility of sourcing RWS wool?
- How was sourcing RWS wool different from how you normally source wool?
- Were there any challenges along the way?
- What advice would you give to someone interested in sourcing RWS wool/designing an RWS certified product?
We are working to build the supply side of the equation and part of this is improving our website and updating supplier profiles. This will be part of the website update.

We are also planning on putting together an RWS in Action series with stories of organizations sourcing RWS products. Please reach out if you would like to share your story with us to be featured on the site!

**Supply Chain Certification: General Updates**

**Updates**

**CCS revision**
- The requirements for the supply chain certification for the RWS and the RMS are set out in the Content Claim Standard.
- The CCS is scheduled for revision in 2020.
- Preparation work e.g. landscape assessment of tracer technologies and pilot project on RWS and Blockchain is currently underway and will be considered during the revision.

**Release of TETrackit**

The Central Database System (now TETrackit) is shortly due to be launched. This will, in time, contain all SC, TC and Farm Questions. Farm Questions will be added in phase 2.

**Claims Framework**

Textile Exchange are shortly initiating a project to review the claims framework. Input and feedback from stakeholders is welcome!

The chain of custody certification, Content Claim Standard (CCS), will go into revision this year 2020.

The Central Database System is now called TETrackit. This will be launched this year and we are close to finalizing it.

The Claims Framework across all standards is also being updated. If you’d like to provide input, please reach out.
Transition Policy

RAF Transition Policy

• Responsible Animal Fiber (RAF) becomes generic name to cover RWS, RMS, and any future animal fiber standards

• Accreditation:
  • RWS Farm accreditation becomes RAF accreditation
  • Allows CBs to audit RWS & RMS farms
  • CCS accreditation allows CBs to audit all Textile Exchange supply chain only scopes
    • Effective 2020 for new CBs, 2021 for current CBs
  • CBs & ABs have one year to update all applicable documents

RAF will reduce audit fatigue for those groups who are already certified to another animal fiber standard.

Transition Policy: Certification

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• Farm Certification:
  • Separate scope certificates for RWS and RMS, but a farm/group may hold both
  • Textile Exchange site fee only applies once
  • Remote audit protocol to speed up RMS certification in 2020 for RWS farms

• Supply Chain Certification:
  • Scope certificates become RAF scope certificates by 2021 (replacing RWS scope certificates)
  • Both RWS and RMS products are allowed
  • Easy transition if any future animal fiber standards are added

There will be separate scope certificates for RWM and RMS issued but a farm/group may hold both and the site fee will only apply once.

Transition Policy: Labelling
In releasing the RMS, we wanted to make sure that we were not complicating the auditing process without adding any value to our system. We have reframed the standards to be a Responsible Animal Fiber – RWS, RMS scope certificates still issued but they would be under the same umbrella standard.

Looking for input on the labeling requirements.

Option A: completely allowable for a product to contain RWS wool and non-RMS mohair and other non-wool fibers.

Option B: both animal fibers, Mohair and Wool, would need to be certified by January 1, 2022 in order to make on product labeling claims.
Next Steps

RWS/RMS: Voting

Voting Process

- Sign the digital charter for ability to vote
- Each company/group gets one vote
- Send out final draft on February 20th
- Online vote ‘for’ or ‘against’ the final draft

- All voting and decision-making is done to ensure balanced representation of interested parties, covering the following Sectors:
  a) Material Producers
  b) Supply Chain
  c) Brands and Retailers
  d) Civil Society
  e) Professional Services

Next Call

RWS/RMS Call #13

March 5th, 2020 – 7:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register Here: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkdu6srzIpWTQzeye-rUHXrOfoYp3Blg

Follow up

Sign the digital charter to become a voting member

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