

OneCert Sanctions Matrix for Textiles

	Minor Noncompliance	Major Noncompliance	Denial	Suspension
Description:	These noncompliances may be issued along with certification decision, with a specified time period for corrective action.	These NC's must be corrected prior to certification for new clients, and for renewing clients certification must be suspended until corrective actions have been taken. Failure to take corrective action in the given time period will result in Denial or Suspension of organic certification.	Certification will be denied to applicants if major noncompliances are found which cannot be corrected, if the client is willfully/purposefully violating the requirements of the standard, or if they fail to correct existing major noncompliance issues.	An existing certification will be suspended if major noncompliances are found which cannot be corrected, if the client is willfully/purposefully violating the requirements of the standard, or if they fail to correct existing major noncompliance issues.
Violation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noncompliant practices that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicate no systemic failure in OSP design or implementation <i>but</i>; ○ Are significant enough in nature or in scope to require a corrective action plan to ensure and verify compliance. ➤ Inconsistencies or omissions in records that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicate no systemic failure in OSP design or implementation <i>but</i>; ○ Are significant enough in nature to require a corrective action plan to ensure and verify compliance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Failure to resolve, successfully or within a prescribed time period, a previously issued Minor Noncompliance. ➤ Systemic failure of OSP design or implementation that demonstrates inability to comply with the standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Failure to resolve, successfully or within a prescribed time period, a previously issued Major Noncompliance. ➤ Deliberate violation of the standards including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Willful sale, labeling or representation of conventional products as organic; ○ Willful sale, labeling or representation of products as organic in violation of the standards; ○ Willful application of prohibited substances or use of prohibited practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Failure to resolve, successfully or within a prescribed time period, a previously issued Major Noncompliance. ➤ Deliberate violation of the standards including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Willful sale, labeling or representation of conventional products as organic; ○ Willful sale, labeling or representation of products as organic in violation of the standards; ○ Willful application of prohibited substances or use of prohibited practices.

- ★ Noncompliance issues found during inspection must be corrected within two months of the physical inspection or the scope certificate shall be suspended. Certification decisions may be made up to two weeks after the correction is submitted.
- ★ If it is found that a client is knowingly and/or repeatedly operating with non-conformities or purposely violates the requirements of the standard, OneCert will suspend the client's certification. If certification is terminated for any reason (voluntary or enforced) or reduced in scope, OneCert will inform the client that any references to the standard must cease for the affected goods. If the client is certified to the TE standards, OneCert will inform Textile Exchange of the suspension and the client will be allowed to reapply for certification two years after the date of the suspension.