



Capacity Building Programmes on Dynamics of Eco-labelling and the Need for Compliance
Under
“A Study on Environmental Standards and its Trade Impact on Indian Textile and Clothing Sector

Saturday, 20 October, 2012
The Board Room, 5th Floor Textile Committee, P Balu Road, Prabha Devi, Mumbai

AGENDA

09:00 -09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30- 09:45	Welcome and Introduction Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International P Nayak, Secretary, Textile Committee* Ullhas Nimkar, Chairman & Managing Director, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt Ltd
09:45 – 10:15	The Importance of Sustainability The session will cover the meaning of sustainability, its importance and the impact of chemical industry & development of eco-legislations. It will further provide an overview of eco-compliance methodologies such as Brand RSLs, Eco-labels, Global initiatives. <i>Ullhas Nimkar, Chairman & Managing Director, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt Ltd</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Background information, objectives, methodology, outcomes - A Study on Environmental Standards and their Trade impact on Indian Textile and Clothing Sector The session will provide background information, objectives, methodology, outcomes on the study, its funders & partners, and how it was implemented? <i>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</i>

10:30 – 10:45	<p>Brief Introduction of NimkarTek</p> <p>Background & services of the company</p> <p><i>Ullhas Nimkar, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt Ltd</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Project Research and Survey findings from India and Select European countries</p> <p>The session will present the project research and findings from survey of textile and clothing firms in India and perception of consumers from the survey carried out in select European countries.</p> <p><i>Eivind Sto, Director Research, SIFO and Archana Jatkar, CUTS CITEE</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Eco-labels: Are they a commercial exploitation or a solution to environmental compliance?</p> <p>The session will cover the meaning of Eco-labels, the reasons for mad proliferation of such labels, whether they help in achieving sustainable practices; how can they help to improve businesses and will provide an overview of all eco- labels in general</p> <p><i>Simi TB, CUTS International</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	<p>The practical aspects of eco-labelling</p> <p>This pragmatic session will shed light on the practical aspects and share experience of industries in implementing the ecolabels/eco-compliances as such.</p> <p><i>R. Chinraj, President & Proprietor, Suditi Industries Ltd</i></p>
14:30-15:00	<p>Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS): An overview</p> <p>The session will cover the scheme, stakeholders, procedures related to GOTS and implementation issues thereof.</p> <p><i>Sumit Gupta, GOTS Representative in India</i></p>
15:00-15:30	<p>EU Flower: An overview</p> <p>This session will present the scheme, stakeholders, procedures related to EU Flower and implementation issues thereof.</p> <p><i>Rahul Bhajekar, Managing Director, Texanlab Laboratories Pvt</i></p>

15:30 - 15:45	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
15:45 – 16:15	<p>Oeko Tex standards: An overview The session will cover the scheme, stakeholders, procedures related to Oeko Tex standards, its implementation and related issues thereof.</p> <p><i>Jacob Kutty, Country Manager, Oeko-Tex, India</i></p>
16:15 – 16:45	<p>Latest Developments & Challenges in eco-compliance This session will explore the complexities of the textile supply chain, role of brands in eco-compliance, burgeoning issues such as the Detox Challenge & the Brands response, the impact of ZDHC on textile supply chain & future concerns</p> <p><i>Prasad Pant, CEO, Nimkar Tek\Technical Services Pvt Ltd</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	Open House & feedback

**To be confirmed*