

Nakano Apparel's Yamagata Headquarters Factory Achieves GOTS Certification with Single-site Accreditation



We are pleased to announce that Nakano Apparel Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Nanyo City, Yamagata Prefecture, Japan;) has officially obtained GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) certification for our Yamagata Headquarters Factory, based on a rigorous audit conducted by ECOCERT Greenlife S.A.S., a leading international certification body headquartered in France.



This certification attests that the quality and reliability of our products meet internationally recognized standards. The certified products include unisex apparel such as T-shirts, singlets, sleepwear, and robes, with all primary materials consisting of **100% organic material**. All manufacturing processes are responsibly managed and fully executed at our Yamagata Headquarters Factory, complying with strict environmental and quality standards.

Importantly, this certification was achieved through **Single-site Certification**, meaning that our Yamagata Headquarters Factory independently satisfies all GOTS requirements without reliance on multiple sites or group certifications. This highlights the transparency, traceability, and quality assurance that Nakano Apparel is committed to delivering to our customers and partners.

Beyond product certification, this achievement also reflects our ongoing **commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability**.

Our Yamagata facility operates using **100% renewable energy**, **recycles 100% of textile waste**, and engages all employees in daily improvement activities under our "Sustainable Factory Declaration" initiated in 2021. Looking ahead, we will actively expand our development of products made with organic materials, further enhance our environmental initiatives, and contribute to the global promotion and value creation of GOTS-certified textiles.

The certification is valid until April 23, 2026, and we remain steadfast in pursuing sustainable manufacturing practices that support a better future for society and the planet.

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About GOTS

GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) is an international certification standard for organic textile products that establishes strict environmental and social standards throughout the textile supply chain. GOTS certification aims to ensure the authenticity and authenticity of organic textile products and to provide peace of mind to consumers worldwide. For more information, please visit the official GOTS website at www.global-standard.org.

About Ecocert

Ecocert is an organic certification organization that guarantees the quality of organic and organic products produced using the power of nature, without relying on synthetic pesticides or chemicals. Headquartered in France, Ecocert is one of the world's leading certifiers.

It provides organic certification for a wide range of products, including agricultural products (rice and vegetables), processed agricultural products, organic cosmetics, and cotton products, and offers highly reliable certification services that are accepted not only in Japan but also in international markets. In the midst of globalization, Ecocert Japan supports the international expansion of organic businesses by providing certificates of safety and quality that meet global standards. (Major certifications handled: Organic JAS, EOS/NOP, COSMOS, GOTS, OCS, etc.)

About NAKANO APPAREL Co.,ltd

Founded in 1988 and headquartered in Nanyo City, Yamagata Prefecture, Nakano Apparel, Inc. is a sewing and manufacturing company. The company is mainly engaged in manufacturing cut & sew products for major apparel manufacturers in Japan and overseas, mainly in the OEM and ODM business categories. The company has established a global production system based on its main factory in Nanyo City, Yamagata Prefecture, and its own factories in China (Wuxi City and Yixing City, Jiangsu Province) and Vietnam (Vinh City, Nghe An Province). In 2021, we made a "Sustainable Sewing Factory Declaration," clearly stating our commitment to reducing environmental impact and sustainable manufacturing. Based on this declaration, we have placed sustainability at the core of our corporate activities by introducing renewable energy, promoting 100% recycling of waste, and creating a system in which each and every employee engages in improvement activities on a daily basis. We have set our corporate philosophy as "Sustainable sewing factories will bring innovation to the manufacturing culture. We will continue to create new values to the conventional concept of manufacturing through consideration for the global environment, coexistence with local communities, creating happiness for employees, and taking on the challenge of sustainability in our manufacturing.