GRS - Global Recycle Standard.

The GRS is an international, voluntary, full product standard that sets requirements for third-party certification of recycled content, chain of custody, social and environmental practices and chemical restrictions.

<u>Global Recycle Standard (GRS)</u> certification does the same thing for products made from recycled materials. GRS certification is a holistic standard that verifies that a product really does have the recycled content it claims to have. GRS certification is administered by the Textile Exchange, a global non-profit dedicated to driving changes in sourcing and manufacturing and ultimately reducing the textile industry's impact on the world's water, soil, air, and people.

GRS is pretty similar to organic certification in that it uses tracking and tracing to monitor integrity throughout the entire supply chain and production process. GRS certification ensures that when companies like us say we are sustainable, the word actually means something. But GRS certification goes beyond traceability and labeling. It also verifies safe and equitable working conditions, along with environmental and chemical practices used in production.

The GRS is intended to meet the needs of companies looking to verify the recycled content of their products (both finished and intermediate) and to verify responsible social, environmental and chemical practices in their production. The objectives of the GRS are to define requirements to ensure accurate content claims and good working conditions, and that harmful environmental and chemical impacts are minimized. This includes companies in ginning, spinning, weaving and knitting, dyeing and printing and stitching in more than 50 countries.

The Global Recycled Standard is intended for use with any product that contains at least 20% Recycled Material. Each stage of production is required to be certified, beginning at the recycling stage and ending at the last seller in the final business-to-business transaction. Material Collection and Material Concentration sites are subject to self-declaration, document collection, and on-site visits.

For detailed information on GRS please visit

https://textileexchange.org/standards/find-a-certified-company/