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### **Certification and Labeling Workshop**

This session was held with certifiers represented, manufacturing, farmers and brands, present. There is a general confusion about certifying standards and differences. Also a confusion about difference between regulations and standards and the legality issue.

Discussion around:

- EU vs. NOP regulations
- Processing in textiles is all voluntary and covered by standards not regulations
- Cost of certification depends on amount of acreage
- Most natural dyes not complying with GOTS or EKO standards
- Oko-tex standard focused on end product, test for residues
- GOTS looks at whole system, including social standards
- OE 100 standard will guarantee integrity via handling according to NOP, eg no cross contamination, tracking-will not cover processing, social, environmental issues. 100% guidelines is a stepping stone to full certification to a processing standard.
- We need to maintain the authenticity of organic
- GOTS-developed with following agencies: IMO, Soil association, JOCA, OTA and their constituents
- Need uniformity of standards