



Burton Materials Verification Policy v4

I. OVERVIEW

In alignment with our purpose, Burton continues to design and manufacture products in a way that support a sustainable future for our sport, people, and planet. Burton is working to increase our sourcing of more people and planet-friendly materials to minimize the negative impacts associated with softgoods and hardgoods production while upholding a high performance standard.

These materials are defined as any physical component of a finished product with ecologically or socially progressive materials selected for their more sustainable properties when compared to other options. Please see [Burton's 2025 People & Planet Impact Goals](#) for detailed information on company targets.

This policy outlines Burton's outlines standards required for the materials used in Burton products, along with the sourcing criteria, and materials traceability and verification requirements.

II. SCOPE

This Policy covers all Burton, Anon, and licensed goods. The Policy focuses on material verification for Softgoods products however three requirements are also applicable to hardgoods products:

1. Snowboard suppliers are expected to maintain FSC certification while we work toward a fully certified wood core supply chain
2. Leather Working Group (LWG) certification criteria must be maintained for leather suppliers in the snowboard boots supply chain.
3. Sourcing of any materials, processing, and/or production from the Xinjiang Region of China is prohibited for all product categories.

While there are multiple standards applicable to certain fibers and chemistry, the Burton sourcing and development teams may nominate a specific standard (e.g. bluesign®, ZQ wool, etc.).

III. MATERIAL SOURCING STANDARDS

The following chart outlines standards required for the materials used in Burton products, along with the sourcing criteria. Note that the Burton sourcing and development teams may nominate a certain standard for specific purchases. For example, Global Recycled Standard (GRS) may be nominated for a recycled polyester material.

Table 1. Burton Material Sourcing Standards

Material	Standard		Sourcing Requirements
Organic Cotton		Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified organic cotton with certification body transaction certificates naming the Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier. Certificates provided at bulk production. • Annual collection of scope certificates where applicable. • No sourcing from China based agriculture or processing in the Xinjiang region of China is permitted. Farm level country of origin verified by supplier and noted on purchase documentation for raw material or yarn. • Organic Content Standard certificates must be OCS100, meaning that 95-100 percent of material is organic, or Blended OCS if 100% of the cotton content is organic.
		Organic Content Standard 100 (OCS100)	
		Organic Blended Content Standard	
Recycled Polyester		Global Recycled Standard (GRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified recycled polyester with certification body transaction certificates naming the Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier. Certificates provided at bulk production. • Annual collection of scope certificates where applicable. • Mechanically recycled polyester only, unless specific agreement has been made with Burton in advance for acceptance of chemically recycled material. • Recycled Claim Standard certificates must be RCS100, meaning that 95-100 percent of material is recycled, or Blended RCS if 100% of the polyester content is recycled polyester.
		Recycled Claim Standard 100 (RCS100)	
		Recycled Blended Claim Standard	
Wool		Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified non-mulesed status required for all wool. • Transaction certificate at time of bulk production which verifies non-mulesed wool status from Tier 4 (farm). • Annual collection of scope certificates if verified to GOTS, RWS, ZQ™, NATIVA™, or New Merino®. • Fiber country of origin verified by supplier and noted on purchase documentation for raw material or yarn. • Government issued certificates may be accepted with pre-approval from Burton for wool with farm level country of origin <i>other than</i> Australia.
		Responsible Wool Standard (RWS)	
		ZQ™ Natural Fibre	
		NATIVA™	
		New Merino® Standard	
Down		Responsible Down Standard (RDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified RDS required for all down and feathers. • Certification body transaction certificates naming the Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier provided at bulk production. • Annual collection of scope certificates where applicable.
Leather		Leather Working Group (LWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified LWG gold or silver status leather at Tier 2 supplier level through certification body audit. • Purchase receipts of LWG leather from gold or silver rated tannery if Burton partner is a non-member.
Forest Products		Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If FSC certification is nominated, materials must be verified FSC certified wood or paper inputs with facility certification by Tier 1 supplier or packaging printer. • FSC claim and supplier certification code stated on sales documents for certified products sold to Burton.
Material Chemistry		bluesign®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified highest standard of process chemistry and finished material compliance with safety regulations. • Annual collection of bluesign® System Partner certificates from Tier 2 material manufacturers. • Material level approval documentation collected during seasonal verification process (SMS production period) • Oeko-Tex is only acceptable where bluesign options are not currently applicable (e.g. leather, wool) or where agreement has been made with Burton Materials Team. • Certification held by Tier 1 or Tier 2 supplier. • Material level approval documentation collected during seasonal verification process (SMS production period).
		OEKO-TEX STANDARD 100	

Please be advised, to comply with United States Federal Law and other prohibitions, Burton explicitly prohibits suppliers to source any materials from or conduct any processes in the Xinjiang region of China for all product categories. The definition of a “material” is any physical component of a finished product, which includes but is not limited to fibers, fabrics, yarns, plastics, trims, coatings, chemical treatments, etc.

IV. Materials Traceability & Verification

Transaction Certificates for Certified Materials

Each season, Burton incorporates a variety of these materials into our product offerings. Burton sources materials through our supply chain, accompanied by documentation which verifies the source and content of the material purchased. Some documents which we collect are known as **transaction certificates**, defined by the Textile Exchange as: A document issued by a certification body that verifies that products being sold or shipped from one organization to another conform to a given standard and may be treated as claimed materials by the receiver.

Transaction certificates ensure credibility of product claims. When Burton requests transaction certificates from suppliers, we request documentation for a *specific material*. The transaction certificate must relate directly to the material that we have purchased. Often, Burton receives **scope certificates**, documents which verify that a facility is approved by a certification body to produce according to a certain standard. While this information is helpful for understanding the facility's relationship with a certification generally, a scope certificate on its own is not valid documentation for verification of a material claim. Note that transaction certificates are required for verification of many certified materials, but do not apply across all certified materials. Please reference the chart below for further details.

Transaction certificates must be issued by an accredited third party known as a **certification body**, which is an organization responsible for verifying that a supplier's internal management system supports accurate material claims. Certification bodies perform audits and may issue scope and transaction certificates. As an exception, a government agency may perform the duties of verifying non-mulesing claims and issuing relevant transaction documentation for wool from certain countries of origin.

Supplier Requirements

Material claims are verified at each stage of the supply chain, with documentation passed from the fiber source through each processing stage in the material chain of custody, and ultimately to the brand. This process helps to ensure transparency in the Burton supply chain while verifying that finished products meet our sustainability commitments and marketing claims. This may include but is not limited to purchase orders, invoices, bills of lading, and other customs documentation to prove the chain of custody from raw material through finished goods manufacturing, for each tier of the supply chain. To understand references to supply chain stages ("Tiers"), refer to The Textile/Apparel and Supply Network industry diagram on page 4.

Burton supply chain partners are requested on a seasonal basis to provide documentation to verify material composition, by the end of bulk production at latest. For certified materials (e.g. Global Organic Textile Standard, bluesign, Forest Stewardship Council) transaction certifications are required in addition to supply chain traceability documentation. It is expected that the company in direct partnership with Burton (e.g. finished goods supplier, fabric mill) be named on all documentation verifying material source or certification. The company may be listed as the material purchaser or seller. Finished goods suppliers are expected to retain documentation. Verifiable documentation is a strict requirement for Burton and our retail customers.

If you have questions related to this policy, the seasonal verification process, or related standards, please contact the Burton Sustainability Team by email: sustainability@burton.com.

This policy and additional requirements and resources for Burton sustainability are available for download from vendor.burton.com.

Table 2. The Textile / Apparel and Chemistry Supply Network

