

# STANLEY/STELLA

## OUR MATERIALS AND CERTIFICATIONS

With sustainability as our core value, we aim to reduce our impact on the planet and improve the working conditions of the people who make our clothes. We exclusively use materials that are either organic or recycled. Our entire production chain is certified by the strictest certifications and labels that exist to make sure that as little harm as possible is caused to the environment and the people.

### OUR GOTS CERTIFICATION



GOTS is the Global Organic Textile Standard label. The strictest certification for textiles made from organic fibres. The production stages covered by the standard are processing, manufacturing, packaging, labelling, trading and distribution. Hence, GOTS tracks the production chain from post-harvest to the wholesaler and ensures that both environmentally friendly production criteria, as well as social accountability standards, are met along the way.

The certification prohibits the use of hazardous and toxic chemicals and substances that are harmful to people and/or the environment. The certification also ensures compliance with the labour standards of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

#### Organic Cotton

Stanley/Stella never uses conventional cotton. Throughout our production chain, we only use organic or recycled cotton. Organic cotton is grown under organic farming standards, meaning that it is GMO-free and no chemical fertilisers or pesticides are used. In addition to this, organic cotton consumes less water than conventional cotton to grow, and rotations of crops are encouraged to keep soil healthier, more fertile, and to

maintain humidity. Waste from the cotton ginning process is used to feed livestock.

### OUR GRS CERTIFICATION



The Global Recycled Standard label certifies that the materials used are recycled: our recycled cotton is made from cutting waste, the recycled polyester from post-consumer plastic bottles, and the recycled nylon from yarn waste.

GRS also guarantees compliance with social and environmental criteria such as treatment of wastewater, the absence of certain toxic additives and respect for working conditions in our partner factories.

#### Recycled Polyester

Some of our products call for a more lightweight and functional fabric, which is when polyester comes in handy. However, for us, using virgin polyester is not an option. This is why we only use recycled polyester, made from post-consumer PET plastic bottles, in the products that need it. Products that contain recycled polyester are mainly our jackets, some accessories such as hip bags and duffle bags, and some sweatshirts, where we add up to 15% recycled polyester to the organic cotton to increase the stability of the garment. In the latter case, to ensure that our sweatshirts are nice and soft against your skin, the polyester is sandwiched between two layers of organic cotton.

#### Recycled Nylon

In some accessories and outerwear pieces, Stanley/Stella uses pre-consumer recycled nylon, made from industrial nylon yarn waste. This fabric is known for its good durability and strength, while at the same time being extremely lightweight and soft on the skin.

#### Recycled Cotton

We do our best to reduce waste, but sometimes it is unavoidable. This is why we decided to collect the cutting waste from our own production and knit it into a new fabric by mixing it with raw organic cotton for extra strength. Given that the waste is sorted by colour, no further dyeing is needed, and the end product is a 100% organic t-shirt: meet our Re-Creator, Re-Blaster and Re-

Tote! We also have a large range of accessories made from cotton waste that we purchase from local factories and recycle into a new cotton thread.

### OEKO-TEX CERTIFICATION



OEKO-TEX certifies the absence of harmful chemical substances in all Stanley/Stella products thanks to the "STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®" certificate. It is an independent testing and certification system that ensures that all raw, semi-finished and finished textile products are processed in a way that prioritises:

- The precautionary principle, which prohibits certain potentially harmful substances even where they are not (yet) legally banned
- The absence of chemical substances that are harmful to health and the environment

Please be aware that the OEKO-TEX certification also guarantees that our products comply with the EU REACH regulation.

### PETA CERTIFICATION



We are also proud to announce that Stanley/Stella is PETA certified. This means that we do not conduct or commission any animal tests on ingredients, formulations, or finished products and pledge never to do so. Our apparel is made from 100% vegan materials and 0% animal fibres, ensuring that no harm is caused to animals.

### FAIR WEAR FOUNDATION



To ensure that the clothes are made ethically, Stanley/Stella has become a member of a Fair Wear Foundation in 2012. Fair Wear Foundation (FWF) is an independent organisation that works with apparel brands, garment workers and textile industry influencers to improve labour conditions in garment factories. FWF is carrying out audits in all our partner factories on a regular basis and puts in place corrective action plans where needed, to realize workers' rights to a safe, dignified, and properly paid employment.