



On December 8th, 2022, CU Inspections and Certifications India Pvt. Ltd. (CU India) received a letter from the IOAS Accreditation body for the decision of the suspension of CU India's accreditation for GOTS (all scopes), ISO/IEC 17065, and Textile Exchange programs (GRS/RCS/OCS/CCS), for a period of six months.

CU India disputed this decision and registered and submitted an appeal.

On March 3rd, 2023, the IOAS appeal committee rejected the appeal and enacted a suspension with conditions. CU India shall continue carrying out inspections according to their annual inspection plan so that certified operators can maintain their existing certifications.

CU India is given the opportunity to develop a corrective action plan until the end of the temporary suspension on June 7th, 2023.

What does mean for Control Union global clients?

If you are not certified under the accreditation of Control Union India, this decision does not impact you.

What does this mean for CU India clients?

- No new applications may be accepted, no certificates may be issued to new applications for GOTS or TE that are in progress as of March 3rd, 2023.
- Extensions of scope may not be issued to existing operators such as addition of new products, process, and units.
- CU India may not issue any transaction certificates for the duration of the suspension.

CU India is following procedure to provide all required documentation to fulfil the expectations of IOAS by March 14th, 2023. The expectation is for the documents to be reviewed with priority, keeping the urgency of the matter and giving natural justice with law of parity to CU India for their good work over the last two decades. Once CU India hears success to regain the full accreditation process, clients will be notified for further actions to revive all your certification needs.

CU India remains fully committed to its stakeholders within the accreditation jurisdiction, having



proudly contributed to the organic and textile industry over the last 25 years. We thank our clients for their continued confidence in our business and values as we serve you worldwide. CU

India will further co-ordinate with all existing clients for their active requirements. Please note that the decision for CU India's accreditation does not impact other accreditations held by Control Union group.

If you have any questions please reach out to cuindia@controlunion.com.