

## General

**About** NatureTex is an Organic textile company and belongs to the SEKEM Group of Companies. NatureTex was established in 1994 under the name Conytex to produce Organic textiles using the high quality long and extra long staple Organic cotton. NatureTex's products are certified according to GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard). Further certifications are to be found below. The NatureTex factory is located on the SEKEM Farm.

**Products** The company manufactures various products out of 100% Organic cotton or linen, including underwear and sleepwear for babies and children, casual cloths for adults, accessories, dolls and toys (may also be stuffed with Organic wool), and home textiles, mainly spa items. Beside the ready-made garments and toys, NatureTex also offers fabrics as well as yarn for knitting and weaving, and cotton carpets made from scabs. Almost 100% of the raw materials are produced locally which ensures a short and tight delivery chain. Only a few items, mainly accessories such as snaps or special packaging items are imported.

**Processing and Production** NatureTex produces garments in various manufacturing processes: design and development based on customer requirements or developed in house, cutting, sewing, pressing/ironing and packing. Screen printing is done in the NatureTex print house, which can also be used for small quantity of all-over prints or labels. Embroideries as well as applications and many other extras are available. NatureTex subcontracts spinning mills, knitting mills, yarn dyeing mills, hand knitting yarn, fabric dyeing and printing facilities to process cotton fibre into fabrics ready to be cut and sewn. Between each step, quality control is applied in order to pass the product for further processing. The entire process chain is certified according to the GOTS Standard.

**Export** About 95% of the total turnover of NatureTex is export sales. NatureTex's clients are mainly situated in Europe and the United States (75-80%), and in some other countries.

**Quality** NatureTex has achieved European standards of quality control and is managed according to the quality systems of "ISO 9001", "ISO 14001" and "OHSAS18001" for a safe working environment. All production also runs under the "Demeter" standards for Biodynamic textiles. In 2001 a total quality management or "TQM" was established. The company was certified for manufacturing and selling Fairtrade textiles by the Fairtrade Labeling Organization (FLO, Max Havelaar) in Bonn in 2007. CO2 neutral products are available. Quality staff regularly is receiving training courses from both, local and foreign experts. The company has been certified by GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) since 2008.

**Ecology** The short production chain and the processing according to the Global Organic Textile Standard help to keep the ecological impact of our products very low. We are able to measure the CO2 footprint and neutralize it using CO2 emission reduction certificates.

**Personnel** The company has 240 employees, beside approx. 60 women working from their homes. Social aspects are of highest priority and exceed the requirements of all regular certifications.

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**Established** 1994 under the name Conytex, renamed 2002

**References** Under the Nile (USA)  
People Wear Organic (Germany)  
ALANA (dm-drogerie markt, Germany)

**Main Products** 100% Organic clothes for new born, babies, kids and adults  
100% Organic cotton soft toys  
100% Organic Home textiles (bedding, spa)  
100% Organic yarn or fabrics  
Organic linen and wool special items are available

**Production Capacity** Development section/sample production (10 persons) working full time  
60.000 pieces garments, 30.000 pieces of hand-made cotton dolls/toys per month

**Additional Services** In-house screen prints (can be used for labels also)  
In-house designer team (including pattern development and fitting sessions)  
Embroideries and applications  
Choice of GOTS certified accessories

**Product Prices** Price lists supplied upon request

**Quality Standards & Control** Certification of ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001  
Certified Member of Demeter association, Fairtrade certified through FLO (Fairtrade Labeling Organization)  
NatureTex quality guidelines V15  
GOTS certified since 2008  
CO2 neutral certifications for products are available  
Certification with the “Egyptian Cotton” logo

**Markets** 95% Export (mainly Europe and United States)

**Number of Employees** 240

**Commercial Manager** Konstanze Abouleish

**Factory Manager** Gharib Abdel Hamed