



MILLS & MANUFACTURERS

MEMBER JOURNEY

The U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol is a voluntary sustainability program for U.S. cotton growers and the traceability platform for all U.S. Cotton. In a time where sustainability and raw material sourcing are crucial for brands and retailers, mills and manufacturers are vital in ensuring transparency in the supply chain through the Protocol Consumption Management Solution (PCMS).

One unique feature of the Protocol Consumption Management Solution (PCMS) is to provide brand and retailer members with complete visibility of the identity and locations of each company involved in the process across the complete supply chain.

As a member, mill and manufacturers can then work with brand and retailer members in active sourcing of two distinct fibers:



U.S. Cotton tracked to the country level



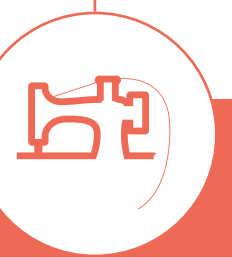
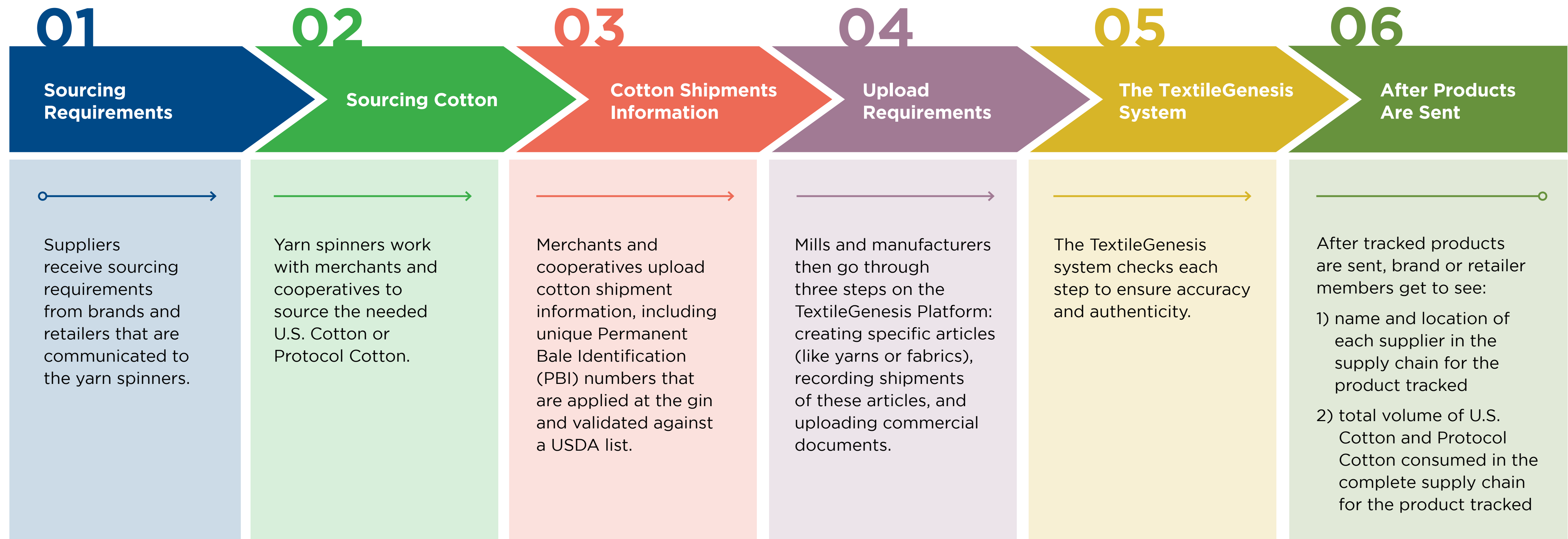
Protocol Cotton tracked to a group of farms (participating Protocol growers)



MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Here's how the process works

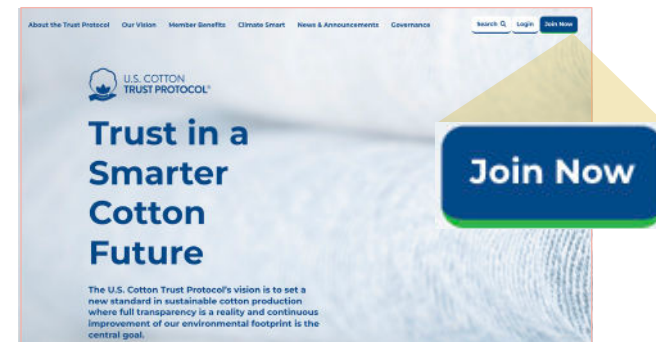
Mill and manufacturers who are interested in program participation should first apply for membership and accept the Code of Conduct. Membership will then be activated upon payment. Becoming a member will also enable registration on the TextileGenesis platform and allow your company to be identified as part of a fully transparent supply chain.



Joining the
Trust Protocol
and Protocol
Platform

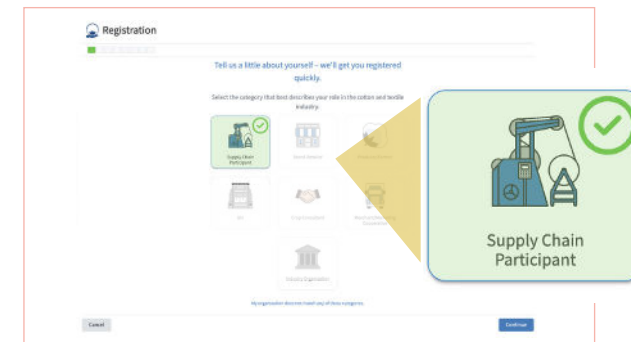
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STEP
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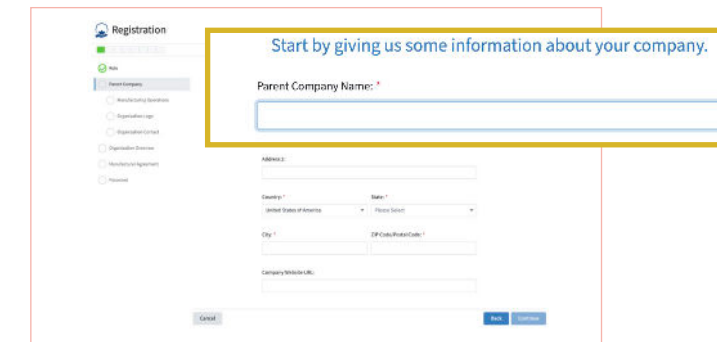
Visit www.trustuscotton.org
and click
'Join Now'.

STEP
02



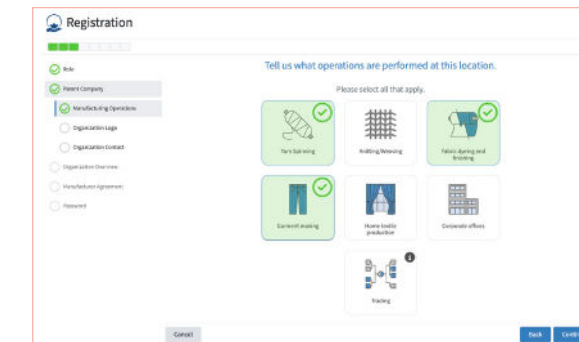
Select
'**Supply Chain Participant**'.

STEP
03



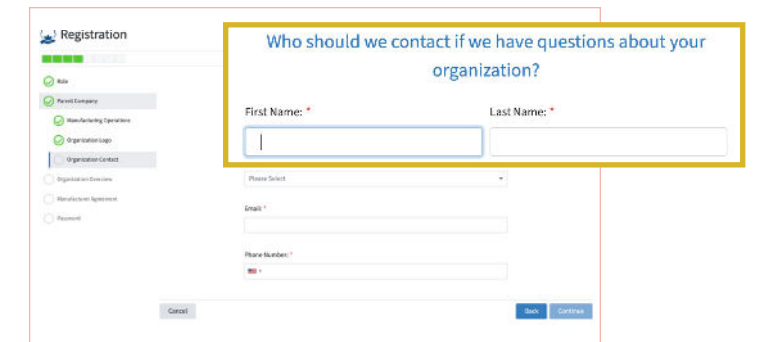
Provide information about
your company.

STEP
04



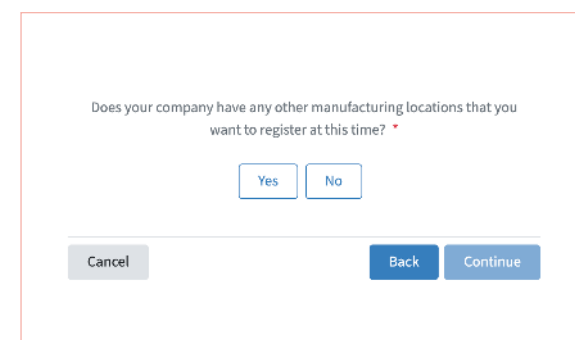
Tell us what
operations are
performed at
this location.

STEP
05



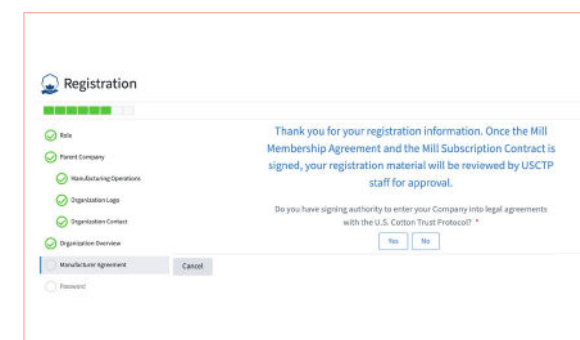
Provide details
about our
contact at your
company.

STEP
06



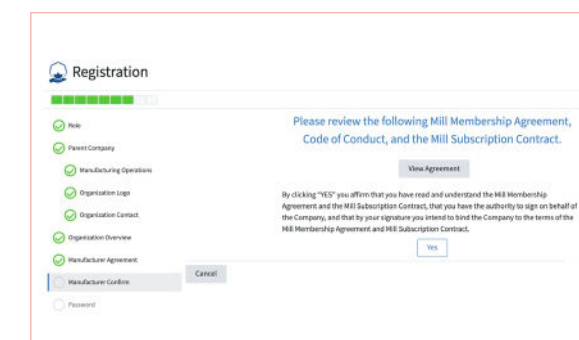
Register mill or
manufacturer
subsidiaries.

STEP
07



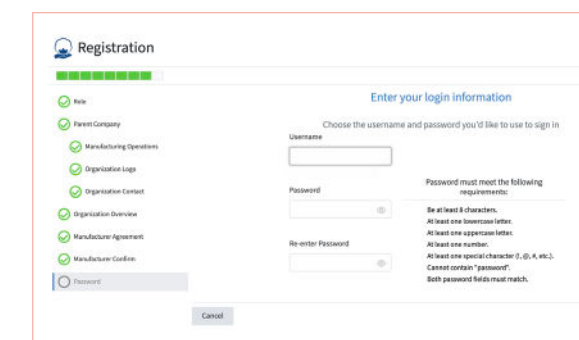
Confirm you have
signing authority
to enter legal
agreements.

STEP
08



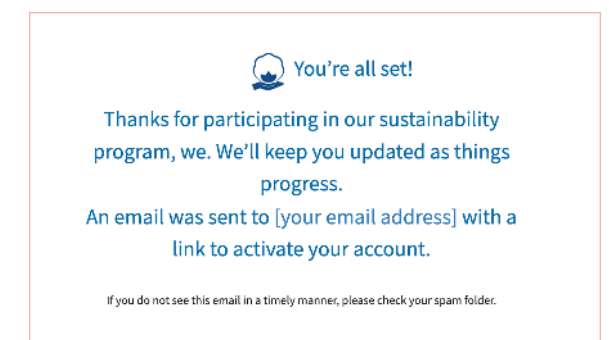
Sign **legal**
agreements.

STEP
09

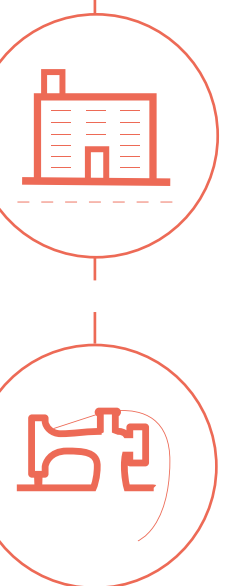


Enter **password**
and **login** details.

STEP
10



Process
completed.

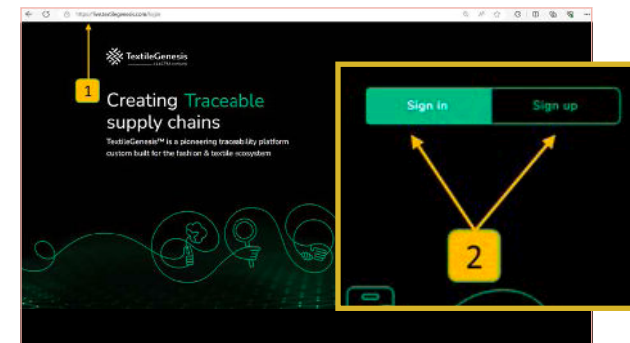


Registering with



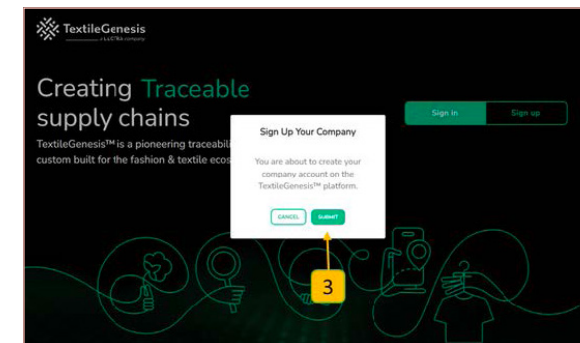
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STEPS 01-02



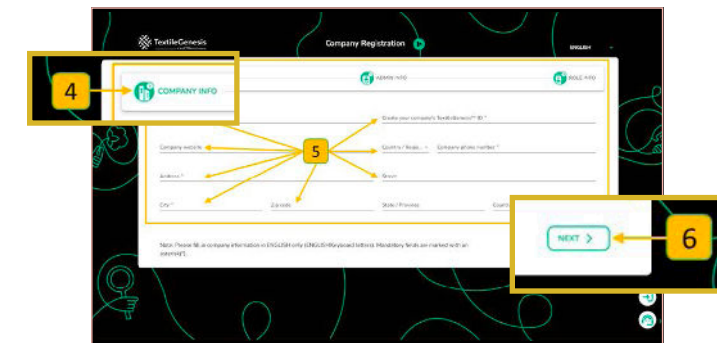
Visit live.textilegenesis.com and click '**Sign In**' for existing user or '**Sign Up**' for a new user.

STEP 03



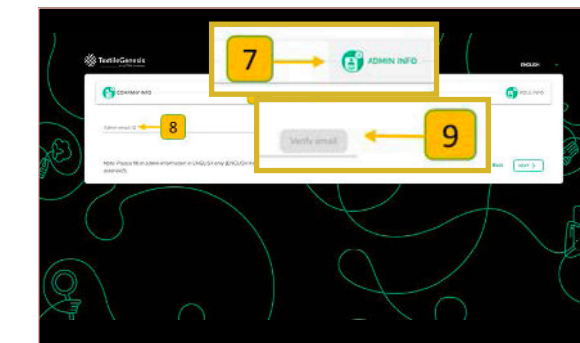
If you choose '**Sign Up**', click '**Submit**' in the pop-up window *(If you are already a user skip Step 2).*

STEPS 04-06



Select the '**Company Info**' tab and provide information about your company. Click '**Next**'.

STEPS 07-09



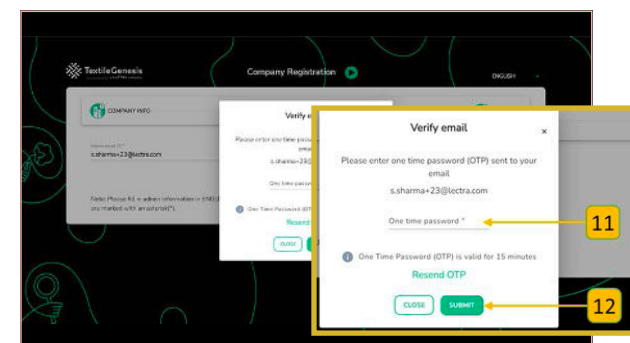
Select the '**Admin Info**' tab and provide information on who is creating the account, including an email. Click '**Verify Email**'.

STEP 10



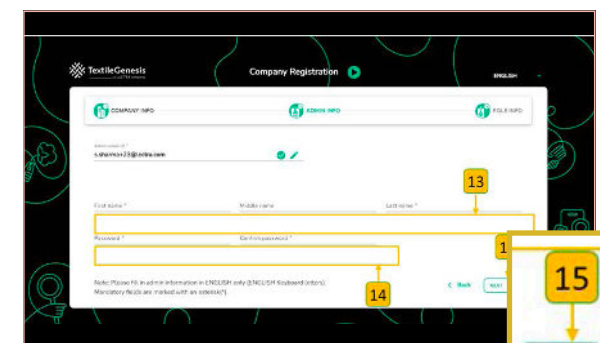
You will receive an **email with a one time password**. Copy and paste into the pop up form.

STEPS 11-12



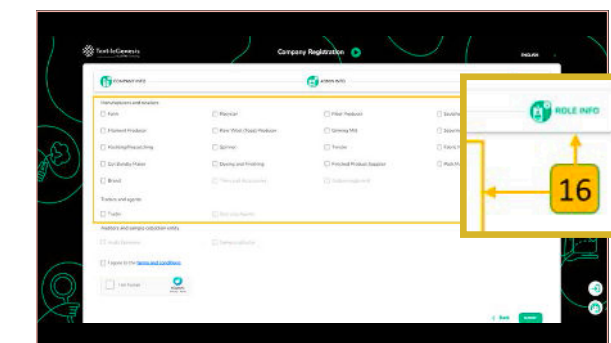
Verify your **email**.

STEPS 13-15



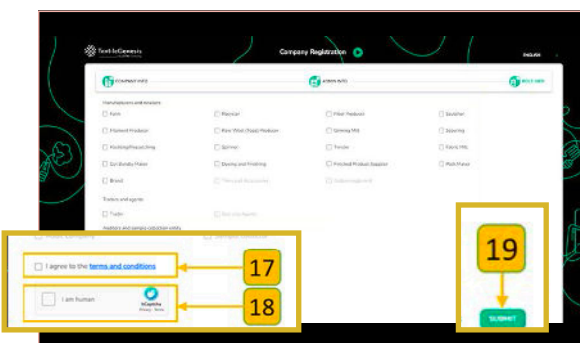
Fill out your **credentials** and create a **password** for future use. Click '**Next**'.

STEP 16



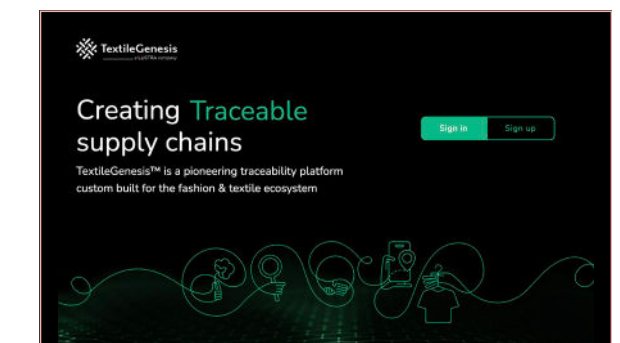
Select the roles relevant to your company from Manufacturers and Retailers, Traders and Agents, Auditors and Sample Collection Entity.

STEPS 17-19



Agree to the '**Terms and Conditions**'. Verify you are not a robot and click '**Submit**'.

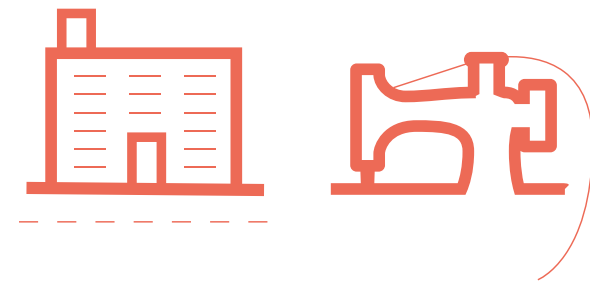
STEPS 20-21



A TextileGenesis admin will receive a notification and **activate** your company account. Following this, you'll need to **add your manufacturing sites** and their **Trust Protocol certificate information**.

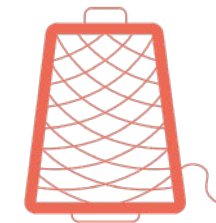


Next Steps



For Garment Makers/Fabric Mills

- **Identify** the raw materials needed from vendors to meet Trust Protocol program requirements.
- **Inform** your vendors about joining the Trust Protocol and creating TextileGenesis accounts.
- **Mark** future fabric/yarn shipments for recording in TextileGenesis and communicate this to vendors.



For Yarn Spinners

- **Ask** your U.S. Cotton merchants to upload shipment details to TextileGenesis.
- **Specify** if U.S. Cotton or Protocol Cotton is needed to meet your customer requirements.
- Your existing U.S. Cotton **inventory** can be made eligible under certain conditions – contact your local Trust Protocol representative for the details.



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- **Attend** a TextileGenesis training session to learn how to create articles, record shipments, and upload documents.
- **Contact** your Trust Protocol or TextileGenesis project lead, or local Trust Protocol representative for more information. You can also submit questions at info@trustuscotton.org.

