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. For brands and retailers interested in better measuring their environmental footprint sustainability and knowing where their materials come from, the Trust Protocol offers verified information on six key sustainability measures of U.S. cotton production and tracks the supply chain from farms to the final product.

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.

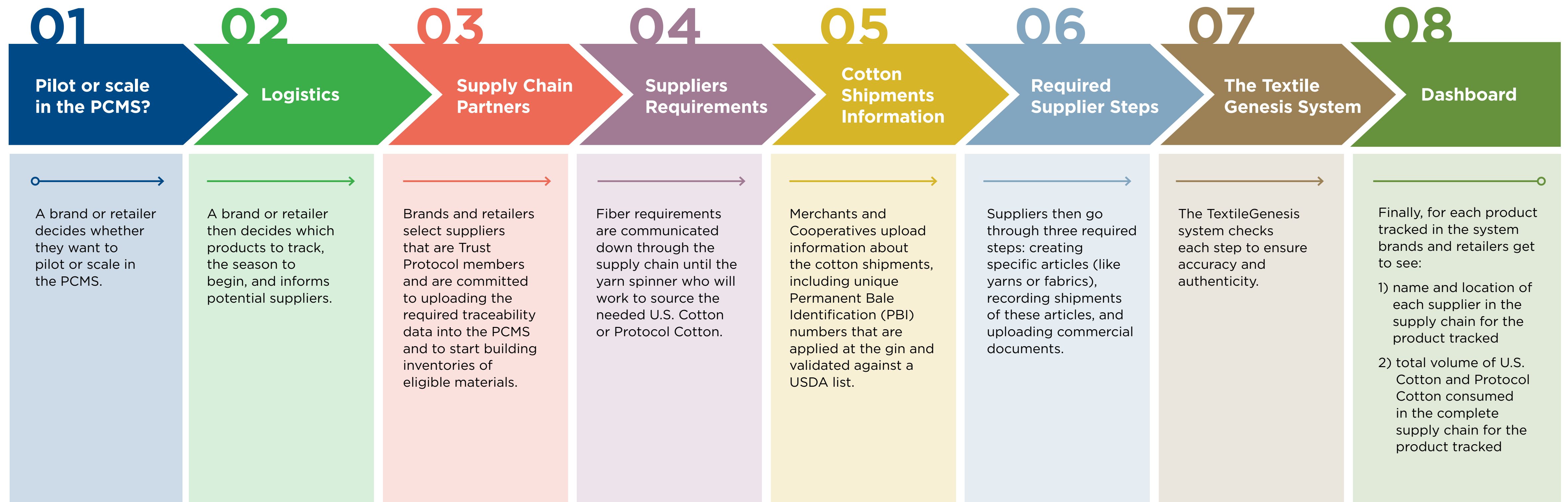| Brands and retailers can see exactly where the cotton in their products comes from throughout the entire process for two distinct fibers:	✔ U.S. Cotton tracked to the country level
	✔ Protocol Cotton tracked to a group of farms (participating Protocol growers)

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MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Here's how the process works

Brands and retailers who are interested in program participation and tracking cotton through the PCMS should first apply for membership and accept the Code of Conduct. Membership is activated upon payment and enables TextileGenesis registration.

| 01 Pilot or scale in the PCMS?	02 Logistics	03 Supply Chain Partners	04 Suppliers Requirements	05 Cotton Shipments Information	06 Required Supplier Steps	07 The Textile Genesis System	08 Dashboard
A brand or retailer decides whether they want to pilot or scale in the PCMS.	A brand or retailer then decides which products to track, the season to begin, and informs potential suppliers.	Brands and retailers select suppliers that are Trust Protocol members and are committed to uploading the required traceability data into the PCMS and to start building inventories of eligible materials.	Fiber requirements are communicated down through the supply chain until the yarn spinner who will work to source the needed U.S. Cotton or Protocol Cotton.	Merchants and Cooperatives upload information about the cotton shipments, including unique Permanent Bale Identification (PBI) numbers that are applied at the gin and validated against a USDA list.	Suppliers then go through three required steps: creating specific articles (like yarns or fabrics), recording shipments of these articles, and uploading commercial documents.	The TextileGenesis system checks each step to ensure accuracy and authenticity.	Finally, for each product tracked in the system brands and retailers get to see: 1) name and location of each supplier in the supply chain for the product tracked 2) total volume of U.S. Cotton and Protocol Cotton consumed in the complete supply chain for the product tracked

This process helps brands and retailers ensure the sustainability and transparency of their cotton supply chain, enabling traceability and compliance.

Joining the
Trust Protocol
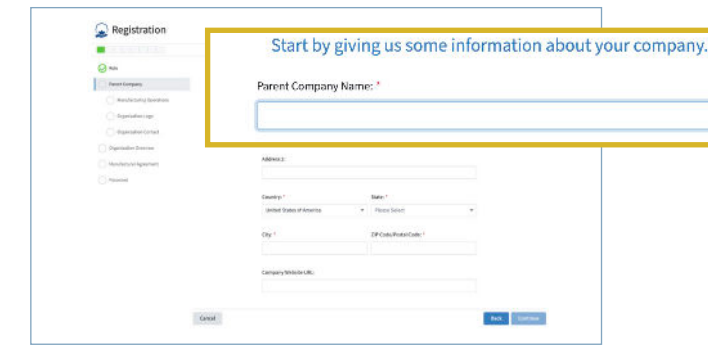and Protocol
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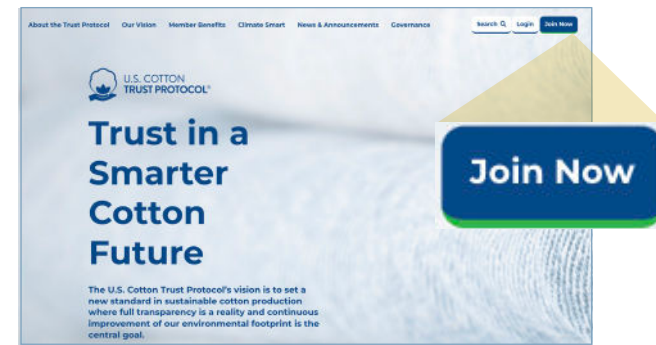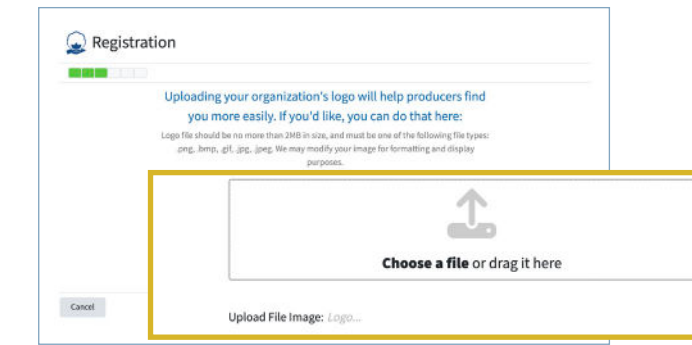

Visit **www.
trustuscotton.org**
and click
'Join Now'.

STEP
02

Select
'Brand-Retailer'.

STEP
03

**Provide
information** about
your company.

STEP
04

Upload your
company's **logo**.

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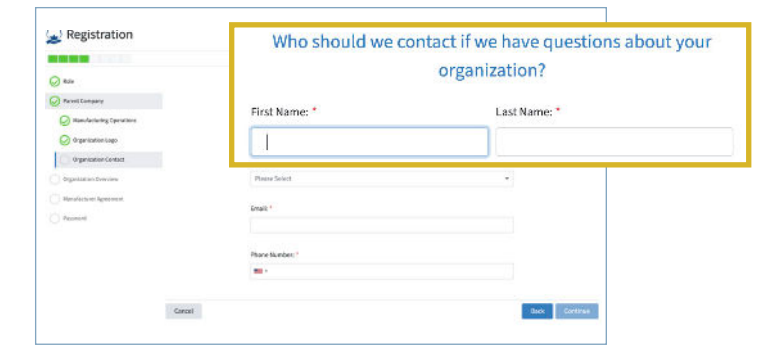
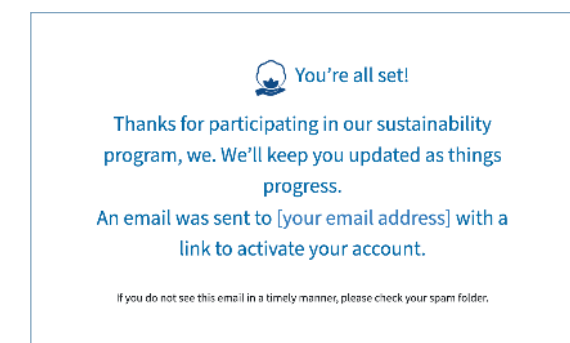

Provide details
about our
contact at your
company.

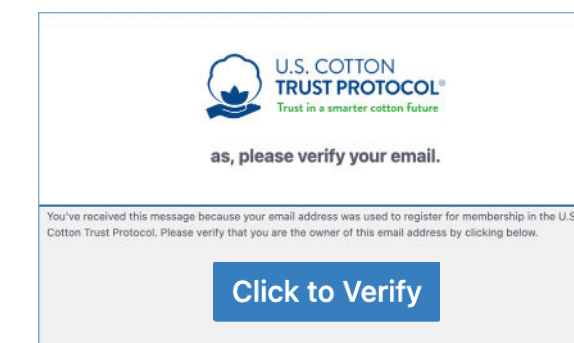## STEP
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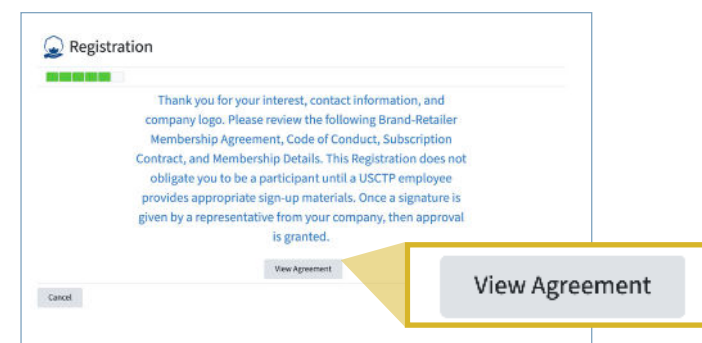
Review the
member **Code of
Conduct**.

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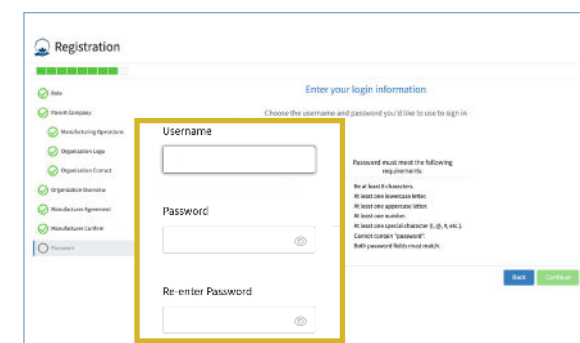
Enter a **password**
and **login** details.

STEP
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Steps to **register
completed**.

STEP
09

You will receive
an email to verify
your account, press
'Click to Verify'.

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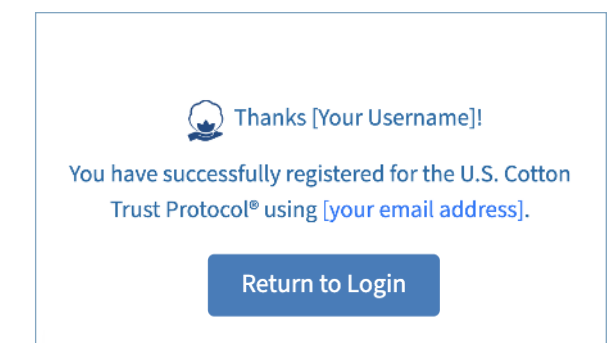
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Registering with
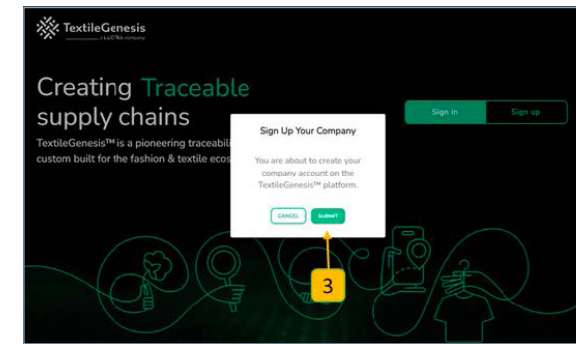
TextileGenesis™

Screen by Screen Guide

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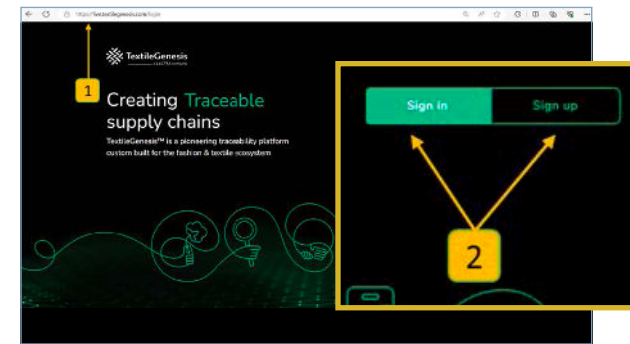
Visit **live. textilegenesis.com** and click '**Sign In**' for existing user or '**Sign Up**' for a new user.
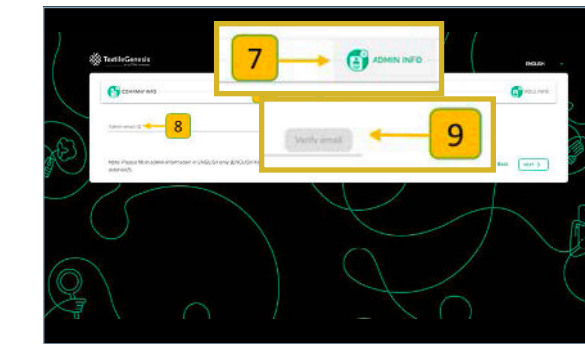
STEP
03

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

STEPS
04-06

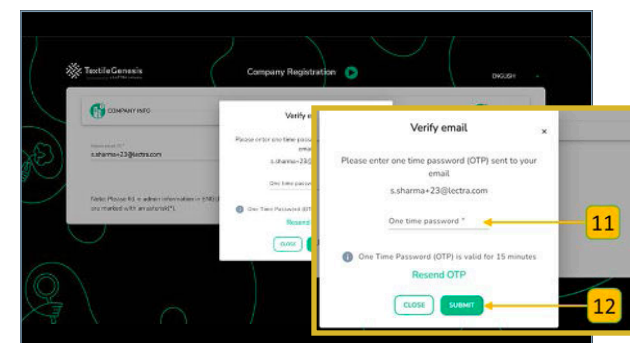Select the '**Company Info**' tab and provide information about your company. Click '**Next**'.

STEPS
07-09

Select the '**Admin Info**' tab and provide information on who is creating the account, including an email. Click '**Verify Email**'.
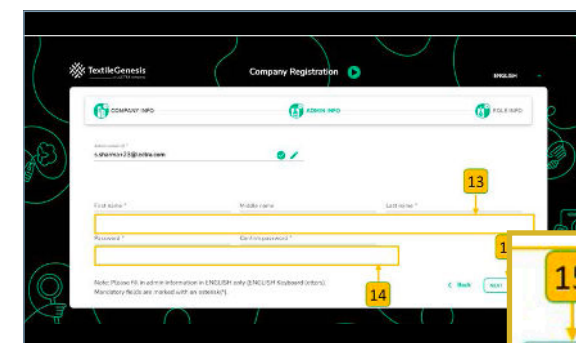
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You will receive an **email with a one time password**. Copy and paste into the pop up form.
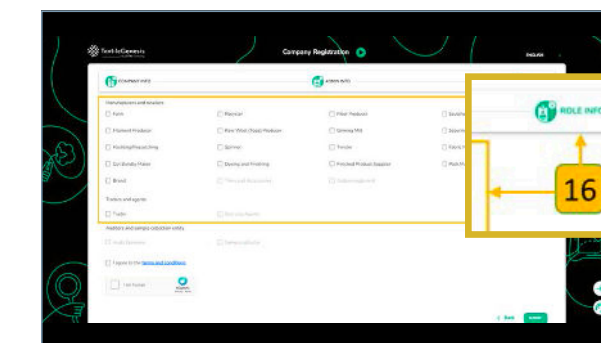
STEPS
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Verify your **email.**
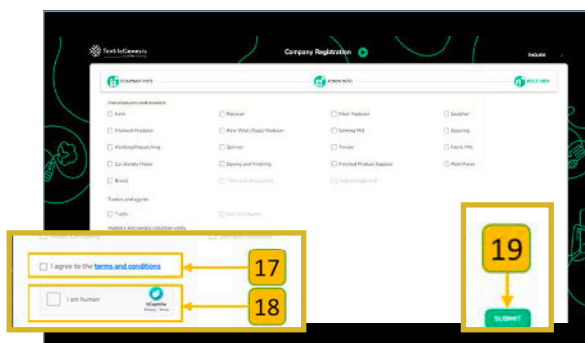
STEPS
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Fill out your **credentials** and create a **password** for future use. Click '**Next**'.
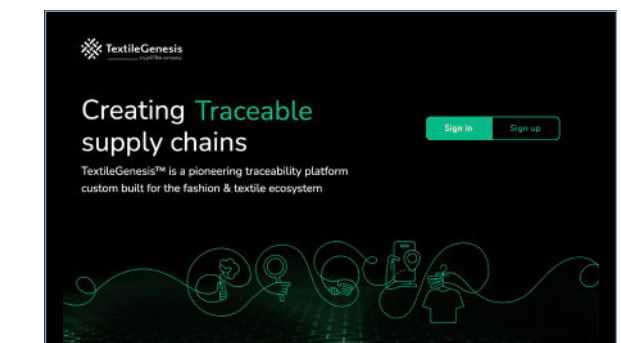
STEP
16

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**'.

STEP
20

A TextileGenesis admin will receive a notification and will **activate** your company account.