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### **THIS IS OEKO-TEX®**



#### WHAT WE DO



### WHY WE DO IT

OEKO-TEX® enables consumers and companies to make responsible decisions to protect our planet.

**OEKO-TEX® MISSION STATEMENT** 

#### **EXPECTATIONS OF MODERN TEXTILES**



### **TEXTILE INDUSTRY = GLOBAL CHALLENGE**



COMPLEX SUPPLY STRUCTURES DIFFERENT NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS SEVERAL PRODUCTION STAGES FOR ONE PRODUCT, EACH AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION IN THE WORLD



## STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® VISION

- Protection of consumers from harmful substances in textiles
- Globally standardised, independent and objective testing and certification system for harmful substances in textiles
- System which can identify and eliminate the sources of problematic substances at every production stage along the textile chain

## STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX® THE PRODUCT

The STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® label offers consumers a high level of effective product safety from chemical substances which may be harmful to health within textiles.

### **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

- The STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® is a comprehensive independent testing and certification system for textile products from all processing stages
- Textiles can only be certified if all their component parts meet the applicable requirements
- The test criteria are updated annually and far exceed legal regulations

### WHO BENEFITS FROM THE STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX®?



## STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX® IN DETAIL

### THE 4 PRODUCT CLASSES OF THE STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX®



PRODUCT CLASS
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Articles for babies and toddlers up to 3 years of age (underwear, rompers, clothing, bed linen, terry products etc.)





Articles that are worn close to the skin (underwear, bed linen, t-shirts, socks etc.)





PRODUCT CLASS 3 Articles

used away from the skin (jackets, coats etc.)

## PRODUCT CLASS 4

Furnishing materials (curtains, table cloths, upholstery covers etc.)

## THE MODULAR SYSTEM



Product certification according to the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® has a modular structure. Textile items can be tested and certified at any processing stage (including manufacturing of accessories).



### **OVERVIEW OF TEST CRITERIA**



BANNED + CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES



SUBSTANCES THAT ARE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL TO HEALTH



BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE + FLAME-RETARDANT SUBSTANCES



#### **COORDINATION WITH EXISTING REGULATIONS**

The tests for harmful substances conducted in accordance with the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® take into account important statutory regulations such as, for example, banned AZO colouring agents, formaldehyde, pentachlorophenol, cadmium, nickel etc., requirements from the US Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) regarding lead, numerous chemicals that are harmful to health, even if they have not yet been legally regulated, as well as various parameters for safeguarding health

## **STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX**® THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

## **THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS**





## REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES

#### SELECTION FOR ENTIRE PRODUCT GROUP

 An incomplete selection of samples may result in limitation of the certified product group

#### WORST-CASE METHOD

• Articles with the darkest colouring, thickest coating application or the highest quantity of finishing agent are usually tested

#### PACKAGING

• For reproducible and meaningful test results, the packaging of the test samples must meet specific quality requirements

## STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX® THE CERTIFICATE



## THE CERTIFICATE

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#### VALIDITY

Certificates are valid for 12 months and are issued by the commissioned test institute.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The certificate is proof of successful laboratory tests in accordance with the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®.



#### **COMMUNICATION**

With the certificate, the applicant receives the right to label his/her products with the OEKO-TEX® label and to use this label for promotional purposes.

THE STANDARD 100 CERTIFICATE MUST LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THIS.

#### **THE LABEL**



THE STANDARD 100 LABEL MUST LOOK LIKE THIS.

## **BUYING GUIDE & VALIDITY CHECK**

#### **CERTIFIED PRODUCTS**

 Our online directory lists products, brands and manufacturers that are certified according to OEKO-TEX®.

#### THE ONLINE VALIDITY CHECK SHOWS...

- the validity status
- the associated product class
- a description of the product

#### THIS ENABLES THE CUSTOMER...

- to check the article and its purpose
- to check legitimacy

#### AND...

• to make justified buying decisions



## STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX® ON-SITE VISIT

### **ON-SITE VISIT – OBJECTIVES**



## STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX® SUPPLEMENTS



## TESTING OF ORGANIC COTTON TEXTILES FOR GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO)

- The test for genetically modified organisms (GMO) is required if the test sample consists of organic cotton or contains corresponding shares thereof and if the applicant wishes the article to be listed on the certificate as "organic".
- If products are made from conventionally manufactured cotton, the test can be carried out on request.

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## **RECYCLED MATERIALS**

- Due to the challenges posed by recycled materials a special set of rules is applicable to them for certification.
- These are
  - a minimum amount of recycled content ( ≥20% )
  - different test programs depending on the origin of the material
  - additional background information.
- A hangtag that is issued can be used to further inform customer on the recycling efforts that went into the product.

## **STANDARD 100 BY OEKO-TEX**® THE COMPELLING BENEFITS

### THE BENEFITS OF A STRONG BRAND

#### World-leading

provider of independently verified textile certifications

#### **The OEKO-TEX® Association**

developed the first consumer standard for the certification of textile and clothing products

#### **Continuous implementation**

of global regulations with updated criteria

**All institutes** 

concentrate 100% on textiles (specialist knowledge and experience)

#### More than 14,000

companies trust the OEKO-TEX® brand Most experienced provider of textile certifications

## GREATER SUCCESS, FOR CERTAIN!

