

# Factsheet

## LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®

### PRODUCT LABEL FOR LEATHER, LEATHER CLOTHING, AND LEATHER ACCESSORIES THAT HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® is a globally standardized, independent testing and certification system for leather products and takes account of all processing stages, leather fiber materials, all kinds of leather accessories, and leather shoes.



### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® distinguishes between four product classes: Infants and young children, skin contact, without skin contact, and accessory materials.

The strict tests for harmful substances and the comprehensive catalog of measures include:

- Important legal regulations such as banned azo colorants, chromium (VI), PFOS, lead (US-CPSIA), etc.
- Numerous harmful chemicals, even if they are not yet regulated legally
- Numerous substance classes that are relevant to the environment
- Limit values of Annexes XVII and XIV of the REACH Regulation and relevant substances of the ECHA-SVHC-candidate list

The certification of skins and furs is subject to a special regulation within the LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®. Leathers from exotic animal species are not certifiable.

Prerequisites for issuing the certificate and the LEATHER STANDARD label are:

- The material or different constituents of a textile product must comply with the conditions, test criteria, and limit values of the standard
- Operational quality assurance
- Successful quality audit in your company by the OEKO-TEX® Institute before or shortly after the certification

### THE COMPELLING BENEFITS

- You get to label your products with an independent, self-explanatory label for leather products that have been tested for harmful substances and document your product stewardship to protect the consumer.
- The independent evaluation of the world's leading OEKO-TEX® Institutes represents a very strong, confidence-building measure for materials and products.
- You receive practical assistance for your operational quality assurance without having to allocate resources yourself.

- › The modular certification system saves you money when certifying your products in case you are using materials that have already been certified according to the LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®. This is because valid certificates also apply to subsequent production stages, which helps avoid duplicate tests.
- › You have the opportunity to present your certified product range and your company in the Buyer's Guide on the OEKO-TEX® homepage – in detail and free of charge.

## **YOUR PATH TO LEATHER STANDARD BY OEKO-TEX®**

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- › Fill out the application form and send it – together with the sample materials (if applicable) – to the OEKO-TEX® Institute of your choice.
- › The selected OEKO-TEX® Institute will contact you.
- › Your OEKO-TEX® Institute will check the submitted documents and sample materials, define the extent of the testing and necessary test parameters, and then examine your products.
- › After successful laboratory tests and provision of all necessary documents, you will receive the LEATHER STANDARD certificate and a detailed test report from your OEKO-TEX® Institute.
- › An OEKO-TEX® expert will visit you on site before or shortly after the certification to verify the given information.

## **VALIDITY**

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The LEATHER STANDARD certificate is valid for 1 year.