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## DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX®: New regulations in 2020

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At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX® Association as usual updated the applicable test criteria and limit values for its range of certifications. For DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX® the following new regulations come into effect on April 1, 2020 after a three-month transition period:

**DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX® becomes obligatory for STeP by OEKO-TEX® customer & New harmonised Chemical List for DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX® and STeP by OEKO-TEX®**

The analysis tool DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX® is primarily designed for wet producers in the supply chain of the textile and leather industry. The comprehensive MRSL screening identifies harmful substances, especially in wastewater. In order to meet the increasingly complex requirements within textile and leather production, as of April 1, 2020 DETOX TO ZERO will be an obligatory element for STeP by OEKO-TEX® companies that use water and chemicals on a large scale. The DETOX TO ZERO MRSL is replaced by a harmonised Chemical List applicable for DETOX TO ZERO and STeP. The list includes updated MRSL requirements for chemical use as well as wastewater and sludge requirements. A major advantage of the new regulation is the future conformity with the MRSL of the ZDHC (Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals) Initiative and the criteria of the Greenpeace Detox campaign.

For more information on the new OEKO-TEX® test criteria, please contact OEKO-TEX® ([info@oeko-tex.com](mailto:info@oeko-tex.com)) or your responsible OEKO-TEX® Institute (<https://www.oeko-tex.com/institutes>).



*After a three-month transition period, the new DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX® regulations will become binding on April 1, 2020.*