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1. Purpose

The OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD standard is part of the testing, certification and licensing products offered by OEKO-TEX Service GmbH (OEKO-TEX®). Further information on the product portfolio can be found on the OEKO-TEX® website (www.oeko-tex.com). A list of OEKO-TEX® approved institutes (institute) can also be found there as well as in Annex 1.

The OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD (hereinafter referred to as LEATHER STANDARD, the standard or the standard document) defines the general, technical and legal conditions for the testing and certification of textiles and accessory materials on the basis of the standard and for the licensing and use of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark.

The applicable Terms of Use (ToU) for all OEKO-TEX® products (standards) as defined in Annex II also apply.

2. Applicability

This standard is applicable, if the material is leather or rather semi-finished leather in the sense of EN 15987 or leather fibre board; and hereby for all levels of production. The standard is also valid for ready-made articles produced with these materials (e.g. leather clothing, made-up leather accessory products).

This standard is also applicable for upholstery material made of leather.

If the leather product (e.g. leather garment) contains also textile and non-textile (e.g. metallic) components, for these components the conditions and criteria of the latest valid OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 are applied. The up to date, valid STANDARD 100, which is then co-applicable, is available at the OEKO-TEX® website (www.oeko-tex.com) and can be downloaded there.

If the character and the used materials of leather shoes permit, also leather shoes can be tested and certified according to LEATHER STANDARD. However, precondition is that the shoes contain a clear part of leather (or leather fibre board). Shoes with a clear part of textile components possibly can be certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100. About this the institute has the sole decision.

Other materials with similar characteristic but without leather parts are tested according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100.

2.1 Leathers and skins that can be certified

The LEATHER STANDARD is valid for leather and skins, which are accepted for certification by the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH.

Leather and skins from the following animal species can be certified:

Cattle; Sheep; Goat; Pig; Horse. Leathers from other animal species can be certified if the raw hides and skins are a by-product of the meat, milk or wool production which must be proven. In such cases, the possibility of certification can be requested at an approved OEKO-TEX® institute or the OEKO-TEX® Secretariat.

The certification of exotic leather materials from animals like e.g. crocodiles, snakes, armadillos, etc. or of articles, into which such exotic leathers are processed (e.g. bags, belts, shoes, etc.) is not possible. The certification of furs is also not possible detailed information under item 4.6). In questionable cases the final decision about an approval or exclusion for certification or the rejection lays within the OEKO-TEX® Secretariat (Secretary General). This decision is not contestable.

2.2 Origin

The origin of the processed hide or skin is expected to be known and the source shall be in accordance to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora) and other legal requirements.

It is also recommended that hide and skins from animal farming / facilities are used, which are tested for a species-appropriate husbandry, animal welfare, etc.

2.3 Traceability and deforestation

An implemented traceability system and risk analysis is highly recommended to control and monitor the possible involvement of farms and hide or skin suppliers in any way of deforestation to exclude the risk of hide and skins coming from areas of both legal and illegal deforestation. To combat this, proof of origin will be mandatory for all hides, skins and finished leather made from cows or calf. The requirement will remain optional for any leather products (e.g. bags or gloves) and for articles made from any other animal.

Physical marking and a reliable data system is recommended to be implemented in the production process to ensure traceability for unprocessed or incoming leather material at least back to the slaughterhouse group, region or country by targeting full transparency back to the farm.

By signing the application for the testing and certification of a material or article the applicant is responsible to comply with the animal and species protection, which are relevant for the product. Regarding to this the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH excludes any liability.

Coated textiles (formerly described as artificial / synthetic leather) are not genuine leather material and have to be certified according to the conditions and requirements of the OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100.

Textile, non-textile (e.g. metallic) as well as other non-leather materials, which are certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 can be used and accepted within a certification process of a leather product according to the LEATHER STANDARD as pre-certificate, if these materials are certified for the leather product according to the necessary product class.

In a general way it behoves solely the institute as well as possibly also the OEKO-TEX® Secretariat, to reject a testing and certification and not to apply this standard.

The LEATHER STANDARD is not applicable for:

- Textile products and accessories such as metallic materials, plastic accessories etc.: These products are tested and certified according to the OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 or OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON.
- Chemicals, auxiliaries and colourants: These products can be tested and certified according to the OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT.

3. OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark

3.1 Content and statement

The OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark is a mark (label, logo, word mark) which can be applied to products made of leather, skins, leather fibre board or accessories of these materials which have been certified by an OEKO-TEX® Institute in accordance with the general and technical conditions of this standard document once the certificate acquiror has signed a Declaration of Conformity in accordance with the conditions of the standard document.

The marking according to OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD requires that the dominant or mainly part (visible surface, mass) of the article consists of leather, skin or leather fibre board although the article is not allowed to be designated as leather article without further explanation.

The OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark is not a quality label. The mark relates only to the as-produced state of the article or accessory and says nothing about other properties of the product such as e.g. fitness for use, reaction to cleaning processes, physiological behaviour in respect of clothing, properties relating to use in buildings, burning behaviour etc. Furthermore, the mark does not declare anything regarding other quality or legal aspects, such as product safety, possibly necessary EC type examinations, labelling or other characteristics (as e.g. construction, drawstrings, etc.). In case such (legal) requirements or also safety provisions must be met from components of the article and / or the market-ready entire article itself, it is the sole responsibility of the applicant to inform him/herself of these sufficiently enough and to secure these. The OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certification and testing by the OEKO-TEX® Institute does not include a check for the availability or provision of complete evidence, certificates, correct information brochures, etc. This does not form part of the verification carried out by the OEKO-TEX® Institute.

The mark also can not declare anything about harmful substances negative impact as a result of damage during transportation or storing (and improper cleaning procedures thereafter), contamination caused by packaging, manipulation for sales promotion (e.g. perfuming) and inadequate sales display (e.g. outdoor presentation).

The terms and conditions for licensing and trademark use are governed by the Terms of Use (ToU).

3.2 Licensing

In line with its importance the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD mark is protected comprehensively as a trademark. On a worldwide basis there are applications or already registrations of the label as a trademark. To strengthen its legal protection not only the label as such, but also the word marks OEKO-TEX®, OEKO-TEX, OEKOTEX and ÖKO-TEX and various device elements as e.g. the logo and the globe device element are registered as separate trademarks.

The OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark may be used only by those authorised to do so. The prerequisite for licensing is the issuing of a certificate in accordance with the conditions specified in this standard document. The licence is issued with the handover of the certificate from the testing OEKO-TEX® Institute to the applicant. Please refer to the Terms of Use (ToU) for additional details about the termination and withdrawal of licences.

3.3 Instructions for use of trademark

The principles and figures presented in Annex 2 must be applied in order to use the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark. The use of the trademark in any other type or form is explicitly not allowed. For additional details, please refer to Annex 2 of this standard and the ToU.

4. Terms & definitions

Terms specific to the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD are defined below. Additional terms are defined in the ToU for all standards in the OEKO-TEX® product portfolio.

4.1 Harmful substances

Harmful substances within the context of this standard refer to substances which may be present in a leather product, skin or leather fibre board or accessory and exceed a maximum amount or which evolve during normal and prescribed use and exceed a maximum amount, and which may have some kind of effect on people during normal and prescribed use and may, according to current scientific knowledge, be hazardous to human health.

4.2 Article group

An article group describes several articles, which can be covered in the same certificate to a group, e.g.:

- Leather products with physical differences only, made from well defined basic materials;
- Articles which are physically composed of certified products only;
- Leather products made of equal skins, tanning and manufacturing procedures and same processing steps.

4.3 Product classes

A product class in the context of this standard is a group of different articles categorised according to their (future) utilisation. In the different product classes not only finished articles may be certified but also their primary products at all stages of manufacture (Wet-blue, Wet-white, Wet-brown, Wet-green, Crust, dyed Crust and finished leather) and accessories. The different product classes differ generally in the requirements that the products have to fulfil and by the test methods applied.

4.3.1 Products for babies (Product Class I)

Products for babies in the context of this standard are all articles, basic materials and accessories, which are provided for the production of articles for babies and small children up to the age of 36 months (e.g. leather clothing, leather gloves, crawling sheepskin).

4.3.2 Products with direct contact to skin (Product Class II)

Articles with direct contact to skin are those, which are worn with a large part of their surface in direct contact with the skin (e.g. leather trousers, leather jackets, leather underwear, motorcycle garments made of leather).

4.3.3 Products without direct contact to skin (Product Class III)

Articles without direct contact to skin are those, which are worn with only a little part of their surface in direct contact with the skin (e.g. lined articles, leather handbags, leather belts).

4.3.4 Decoration material (Product Class IV)

Decoration material in the context of this standard are articles including initial products and accessories which are used for decoration such as leather covers.

4.4 Active products

4.4.1 Biologically active products

Biologically active products in context of this standard are those active products that are used with the intention to destroy, deter, render harmless, prevent the action of, or otherwise exert a controlling effect of any organism by chemical or biological means.

4.4.2 Flame retardant products

Flame retardant products in context of this standard are those active products that are used with the intention to reduce the flammability and / or combustibility.

4.5 Leather

Leather is a material made of hides or skins with its original fibrous structure more or less intact, tanned to be imputrescible, where the hair or wool may or may not have been removed, whether or not the hide or skin has been split into layers or segmented either before or after tanning and where any surface coating or surface layer, however applied, is not thicker than 0,15 mm. For further definitions of leather and material made of leather fibres see ISO 15115 (2019).

4.6 Furs

In the context of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD furs are defined as follows. Furs are materials, which are made from animal skin with hair on, but contrary to leather or skins, the animals are exclusively or almost exclusively kept or hunted for the purpose of producing fur and their body does not or almost not serve the purpose of feeding humans.

5. Testing and certification procedure

5.1 General conditions

The terms and conditions for the realisation of the testing and certification process, the performance of these procedures, including the quality assurance and conformity procedures, and the issuing of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certificate are governed by the Terms of Use (ToU). Reference shall also be made to the Declaration of Conformity.

The following section provides conditions which are specific to LEATHER STANDARD.

5.2 Product specific requirements

5.2.1 Criteria catalogue according to Annex 4

In addition to the general valid requirements for certification according to LEATHER STANDARD, the product specific requirements, given in Annex 4, have to be fulfilled by each leather or leather fibre board component.

Leather materials are tested in general on both sides of the leather (finished side and flesh side) for the compliance with the colour fastness requirements. For an unrestricted certification and usage of the leather the requirements have to be met from both leather sides. In cases where only the finished leather side is decisive for the further usage of the

leather, testing the flesh side is not mandatory for colour fastness. On the certificate an indication will then be given that only the finished leather side was tested for the colour fastness. This is made to point out to following production steps / following users that the usage conditions of the leather are constrained. Leather materials, at which only the finished leather side was tested for compliance with the colour fastness requirements as a result must respectively have to be processed (latest at the final consumer product) in such a way, that the flesh side is covered completely through an additional material and consequently the flesh side shows no direct contact to skin or to other items of clothing / articles.

5.2.2 Other materials

For textile, non-textile (e.g. metallic) as well as other non-leather components and accessories the conditions and criteria of the up-to-date valid OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 are effective. For the components, which have to be tested according to STANDARD 100 the applicant can select, if these materials shall be tested according to the criteria of Annex 4 or of Annex 6 of the STANDARD 100 (please select in the application form). Already for materials existing STANDARD 100 certificates can be used and recognised as precertificates if they are issued in accordance with the required product class and the demanded Annex. Where necessary additional tests have to be performed.

5.2.3 Special Articles

For leather, leather fibre boards or skins containing products, that do not represent “classic” articles within the application area of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD such as e.g. leather couches, leather chairs, suitcases, children’s pushchairs, a testing and certification according to OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD – Supplement Special Articles is possible.

However, for special articles, which contain components made of leather or skins this is possible only if these are mentioned in the list accepted from OEKO-TEX® under chapter 2. Special articles which contain also components of exotic leather materials from animals like e.g. crocodiles, snakes, armadillos, etc. cannot be certified according to the Supplement Special Articles.

5.2.4 New or tightened requirements

Usually the conditions and criteria of the standard are updated and published at the beginning of a new calendar year. However, updates during a calendar year are not precluded.

For new or more severe requirements normally a transition period for implementation is valid until the following 1st of April.

However, the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH at any time has also the right to bring into force and apply immediately new or more severe requirements, if OEKO-TEX® sees the necessity for that.

For further details it is referred to the Terms of Use (TOU).

5.3 Finish with biologically active products

The use of biologically active products is prohibited in all cases in articles for babies as well as in articles with contact to mucous membranes. The use of finishes with biologically active products is accepted within a certification process according to LEATHER STANDARD, when a thorough, separately prior performed special assessment by OEKO-TEX® has shown that the articles finish- ed with the active product according to the recommendations of the manufacturer of the active product are harmless to the human health. The evidence of compliance with the requirements according to Annex 4 of this standard, however, still has to be provided from the finished materials.

All process preservative agents used to process leather must comply with the limit values mentioned in Annex 4.

5.4 Finish with flame retardant products

The use of finishes with flame retardant products is accepted within a certification process according to LEATHER STANDARD, when a thorough, separately prior performed special assessment by OEKO-TEX® has shown that the articles finished with the active product according to the recommendations of the manufacturer of the active product are harmless to the human health. The evidence of compliance with the requirements according to Annex 4 of this standard, however, still has to be provided from the finished materials.

5.5 Chrome-free and metal-free tanned products

If the applicant wants to have the terms “chrome-free tanned leather” and / or “metal-free tanned leather” mentioned in the scope of the certificate the following requirements need to be fulfilled.

Chrome-free tanned leather: The definition of “chrome-free tanned leather” according to ISO 15115 (2019) has been considered in the tanning process and the article fulfils the requirements of the ISO 15115 (2019) section 3.20. The total chromium content must be below or equal to 0.1% weight calculated on the dry mass.

Metal-free tanned leather: The definition of “metal-free tanned leather” according to ISO 15115 (2019) has been considered in the tanning process and the article fulfils the requirements of the ISO 15115 (2019) section 3.57. The total content of all tanning metals (Cr, Al, Ti, Zr, Fe) must be below or equal to 0.1% weight calculated on the dry mass.

And additional lab test for proof shall be performed and the according limit values can be found in Annex 4.

5.6 Testing and certification - execution

The validation for certification in accordance with LEATHER STANDARD must be requested in writing using the application document provided by OEKO-TEX®.

In case the article to be certified contains also textile, non-textile (e.g. metallic) or other non-leather components which fall within the application area of the STANDARD 100, the applicant has to select at the application, if these components shall be tested according to Annex 4 or according to Annex 6 of the STANDARD 100.

The application must be submitted to the selected OEKO-TEX® Institute; if applicable even along with representative (production) sample material. Sufficient quantity of the material must be provided mandatory (both for documentation and testing purposes). This requirement also applies when submitting an application for a renewal of a certificate.

The OEKO-TEX® Institute will review the documents and sample materials which have been sent in before defining the scope of the tests and putting the selected samples through testing. The type and extent of the (laboratory) tests will depend on the product itself, the material composition, the selected product class and the information provided by the applicant about the product and the manufacturing process.

In case textile materials have to be considered within the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certification process fibre compositions of samples may be cross-checked qualitatively against information from the application, related documents and declarations. These tests are charged to the applicant.

All individual components of an article have to be tested. If the test of a component weighing less than 1 % of the total article is not possible due to the limited amount contained in the article, then the institute decides on its own competence, taking into consideration the kind of article and its use, whether additional testing material has to be sent in or whether the test can be dropped. The decision of the institute is not contestable.

Any valid OEKO-TEX® certificates which are submitted showing that the materials used to manufacture the products have already been certified in accordance with OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD are taken into consideration when defining the scope of the test.

Materials, which are certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 can be used within the certification process of an article according to LEATHER STANDARD also and valid certificates can be submitted, too.

Test specimens having a non-product typical odour (for example fragrance / perfume, mould) or an odour indicating faulty manufacture, will be excluded from testing immediately and no authorization to use the brand OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD is possible.

After the tests were carried out a report will be provided by the institute to the applicant.

In case the verification was successful the applicant has to sign the necessary Declaration of Conformity (please see for this also to 6.3) and transfers it to the OEKO-TEX® Institute.

After all necessary documents were received the OEKO-TEX® Institute issues the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certificate and transfers it to the applicant.

At initial certification procedures on request of the applicant the date on which the certificate comes into effect and

therefore the date from which they are authorised to use the OEKO-TEX® trademark can be postponed for at most three months from the date of the underlying test report being issued.

By signing and submitting the Declaration of Conformity, the customer accepts that the certified products will be monitored and controlled by OEKO-TEX® and / or the OEKO-TEX® Institute for the purposes of OEKO-TEX® quality assurance (in addition to his own and internally required quality assurance for different finishing batches, different colours, etc.).

As part of a first certification process according to OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD an On-Site-Visit of the company / production facility is required and must be carried out. This On-Site-Visit is performed by the OEKO-TEX® Institute or a quality assurance officer of the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH either before or soon after the LEATHER STANDARD certification and must be passed. Each company is controlled in this way at least once every three years. If the company/production facility holds an OEKO-TEX® STeP certificate, an On-Site Visit is not necessary for the STANDARD 100 certification. Exclusion criteria are defined and represent the most important criteria for determining suitability for certification with an OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD. All exclusion criteria must be fulfilled if a facility is to be eligible for OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certification (see Annex III). In case travel restrictions do not allow a safe performance of an in-person On-Site-Visit, an alternative is available and can be discussed with the corresponding OEKO-TEX® institute. If the assessment is not passed, a previously issued LEATHER STANDARD certificate can be withdrawn.

Additionally, OEKO-TEX® and its quality assurance officer have the right to conduct an un-announced On-Site Visits at any OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certified company/production facility at any time. The facility must grant entry to quality assurance officers during unannounced On-site Visit as per the signed Terms of Use (ToU). The cost of such an unannounced audit is to be paid by the facility. Failure to allow entry into the factory will result in the withdrawal of the certificate.

The customer is entitled to request the renewal of their certificate and with it the license to use the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark three months before it expires. The renewal of an existing certificate has to be made seamless to the expiry date of the certificate. The certificate number will remain the same whenever a certificate is seamlessly renewed (subsequent certifications). The expiry date of a renewed certificate will be exactly one year after the expiry date of the previous certificate. Delayed performed renewals will not result in an extension of the certificate validity (see also ToU). The institute normally elaborates a reduced testing programme for the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. renewal, however, under the preconditions that this is possible for the articles in question and they are produced with unchanged manufacturing conditions (materials used, chemicals, etc.) in comparison to the previous certification.

Note: The latest version of the application and the Declaration of Conformity to the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD are available to download from the OEKO-TEX® website (www.oeko-tex.com).

5.7 Important information regarding changes on certified products – way of proceeding

Any product certified under this standard will automatically lose the right to be referred to as certified and to use the LEATHER STANDARD mark as soon as it is professionally physically or chemically altered or treated. This includes also washing and chemical cleaning. Please refer also to the Terms of Use (ToU) for more information.

The applicant respectively certificate holder is obliged to inform the relevant institute immediately if there are any changes to the materials and their mixes, technical procedures and / or recipes. Please note that articles / goods which are / were manufactured in any form which differs from the original certification process are automatically and immediately considered uncertified. Articles / goods of this kind are not covered by the certificate issued for the customer and are not permitted to use the corresponding OEKO-TEX® mark. Goods of this kind will only be covered by the certificate and permitted to use the corresponding OEKO-TEX® mark once the OEKO-TEX® Institute has confirmed that the certificate also applies to them. Additional tests may be required hereto to determine whether the goods are in compliance with the relevant conditions and criteria. Please refer to the Terms of Use (ToU) for more information about the consequences of failing to meet this obligation.

6. Legal relationship between customer and OEKO-TEX®

6.1 OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD document and ToU as well as GTC

In addition to this standard document, the Terms of Use (ToU) (see Annex II) and, as appropriate, the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of the testing institute form the framework for the legal relations between the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH and the testing institute on the one side and the customer on the other.

6.2 Request, offer and acceptance

The legal relationship between the customer and OEKO-TEX® is based on an application sent by the customer to a for the LEATHER STANDARD approved OEKO-TEX® Institute of their choice requesting that they test materials and articles, which fall within the scope of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD, according to this standard.

For additional details about the request, offer and acceptance process and the ensuing legal relationship between the customer and the testing institute which performs the test and the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH as the entitled company of the various OEKO-TEX® trademarks, please refer to the ToU.

6.3 Declaration of Conformity

The applicant must submit a Declaration of Conformity for the article group which they would like to be OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certified. This declaration obliges them to be solely responsible for ensuring that the certified articles comply with the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD conditions and criteria which were / are used to certify the products and maintain consistency between the products and the certified samples (identical manufacturing techniques, etc.), too. If they apply for diverse components of the articles to be certified (see 2. Applicability), the conditions and criteria of the relevant product class of the OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 are valid and the Declaration of Conformity includes an obligation to ensure compliance with these requirements for these components. By signing the Declaration of Conformity, the customer also accepts that the certified articles will be monitored and controlled by OEKO-TEX® and / or the OEKO-TEX® approved institute for the purposes of OEKO-TEX® quality assurance (in addition to his own and internally required quality assurance).

Please refer to the Declaration of Conformity document and the relevant ToU for additional details and information about the possible consequences of violating the obligations in this standard document and its enclosures.

6.4 Issuance of certificate

The institute will issue a certificate if the testing / certification process is completed successfully and the required Declaration of Conformity has been submitted. The certificate is permitted to be used in business correspondence only with restricted conditions. Please refer to the relevant ToU for additional information.

6.5 Use of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark

By issuing the certificate and handing it over to the customer, the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH grants the customer the right to use the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD trademark pursuant to the stipulations in this standard document and its corresponding ToU (trademark licence).

Upon the expiration of the period of validity of the certificate or withdrawal thereof in accordance with the conditions specified in this standard document or in the ToU, the trademark licence expires with immediate effect and without the need for any verbal or written notice from the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH or the responsible testing institute.

6.6 Declarations of the customer

The customer agrees that their address may be included in an international directory with references of owners of OEKO-TEX® certificates. This agreement may be withdrawn from in writing at any time.

6.7 Relationship of documents

If there are any contradictions between the aforementioned documents, the following order applies: this standard document as well as the application and Declaration of Conformity form the basis of the business relationship with the customer. They have priority over the ToU and any GTC of the testing institute; the ToU of the OEKO-TEX Service GmbH takes precedence over the GTC of the testing institute.

Annex 1

OEKO-TEX® Institutes

The International OEKO-TEX® Association consists of independent institutes in Europe and Japan, with offices around the globe.

The testing and research institutes offering certification and licensing according to MADE IN GREEN, STANDARD 100, ORGANIC COTTON, LEATHER STANDARD, STeP, ECO PASSPORT and / or RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS can be found on the OEKO-TEX® homepage www.oeko-tex.com/en/about-us/offices.

The OEKO-TEX® Secretariat can be contacted at the following address:

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Annex 2

Labelling

When an OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certificate is issued, the label holder receives a licence to use the corresponding OEKO-TEX® label.

The OEKO-TEX® Labelling Guide covers rules and guidelines that govern the use of the OEKO-TEX® trademark and OEKO-TEX® labels. It defines the guideline for a standardised appearance of the OEKO-TEX® labels. It assists companies, manufacturers, brands, retailer and all OEKO-TEX® partner to label their certified products correctly and to develop marketing materials to communicate company efforts.

[Labelling Guide](#)

All layout version of the OEKO-TEX® labels can be downloaded via the Label Editor in the myOEKO-TEX® platform.

Annex 3

Packaging of sample material

The packaging for test samples must meet specific requirements. Test samples must be individually packaged in tear-resistant polyethylene film or polyethylene film bags to prevent possible dirtying or contamination during transport and cross contamination between samples and to ensure that test results are precise and reproducible. The packaging must be double wrapped and sealed with a tape. Adhesive / packaging tape must NOT be used to directly seal the samples. Packaging materials must not contain any polyfluorinated or perfluorinated components. The packaging must be packed in a second case that is sealed tight with adhesive tape. Avoid simply packaging the test sample in cardboard boxes and / or paper.

The OEKO-TEX® Institute reserves the right to reject sample material possibly and to request new samples.

If the OEKO-TEX® Institute uses samples for the tests which have not been packaged by the applicant in accordance with these instructions, the applicant accepts that the OEKO-TEX® Institute is not responsible for any “inaccurate” test sample results which are caused by contamination, etc. as a result of the samples not been packaged properly by the customer.

Annexes 4&5

For a compilation of individual substances and CAS numbers with their limit values, please visit our [limit value table](#).

Any value measured in the laboratory must be below the specified limit to obtain the certificate.

The testing procedures are described in our [public method document](#).



I Annex

Declaration of Conformity

The Declaration of Conformity to the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD is available to download from the OEKO-TEX® website (www.oeko-tex.com).

II Annex

Terms of Use (ToU) & Code of Conduct (CoC)

The OEKO-TEX® Terms of Use (ToU) apply for all OEKO-TEX® products. The ToU can be found under www.oeko-tex.com/ToU. The OEKO-TEX® CoC can be found under www.oeko-tex.com/CoC.

The notice and the acknowledgement of the ToU has to be confirmed from the applicant in the application document.

III Annex

Exclusion criteria

For the On-Site Visits exclusion criteria are defined. They represent the most important criteria for determining suitability for certification with OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD.

The following exclusion criteria must be fulfilled if a facility is to be eligible for the certification:

- A quality assurance system is installed at the facility.
- All materials are clearly and easily identifiable in the production and storage area.
- The products are traceable through the whole process.
- All products which are sold as certified are covered by the corresponding OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certificate.
- There are no violations of the OEKO-TEX® Code of Conduct.