

# Responsible production for people and planet



STeP

# The highest standards: for complete confidence

OEKO-TEX® STeP certification sets the highest standards for both social and environmental aspects of textile and leather production. This certification is a sign of responsibility towards employees and the environment, and supports a company's journey towards more sustainable production.

STeP focuses on certification for the entire textile and leather production. From fibre manufacturing to spinning or tanning to finishing and making-up.



Environmental and chemical management



Social responsibility and fair working conditions



Safety and protection for workers



Efficiency and continuous improvement of production processes and efficient use of resources

# What advantages does OEKO-TEX® STeP offer?

## ✓ Modular System:

STeP certification is a prerequisite for the OEKO-TEX® MADE IN GREEN product label.

## ✓ Quality assurance:

Certified facilities are checked and proven, by independent 3rd parties. We offer an easy and comprehensive online form, which is filled out by the customer and verified by trained and experienced STeP auditors. After verifying the data on-site, the auditor gives targeted support in the form of corrective actions to improve sustainability measures. Every 3 years, this process is repeated.

## ✓ Strong Network:

With a network of over 1,000 certified companies, we support the search for trustworthy business partners along the textile and leather value chain.

## ✓ Business Opportunities:

The STeP certificate documents your sustainable commitment and enables clear communication with partners and customers. STeP scoring provides comprehensive assessment targeting your improvement efforts. The Environmental Performance module includes the “Impact Calculator”. This tool calculates the carbon and water footprint of a facility and guides proactive measures to reduce the industry’s environmental footprint.

## ✓ Harmonisation:

STeP acknowledges third-party certifications (e.g. BSCI, FWF, SA8000, ISO 14001, ISO 9001) and strives for harmonization in the industry. Cooperations with industry partners like ZDHC, GoBlu, SLCP, SLF are implemented in the certification. Additional exposure is provided by listings in the ZDHC Gateway or the BHive® App from GoBlu.

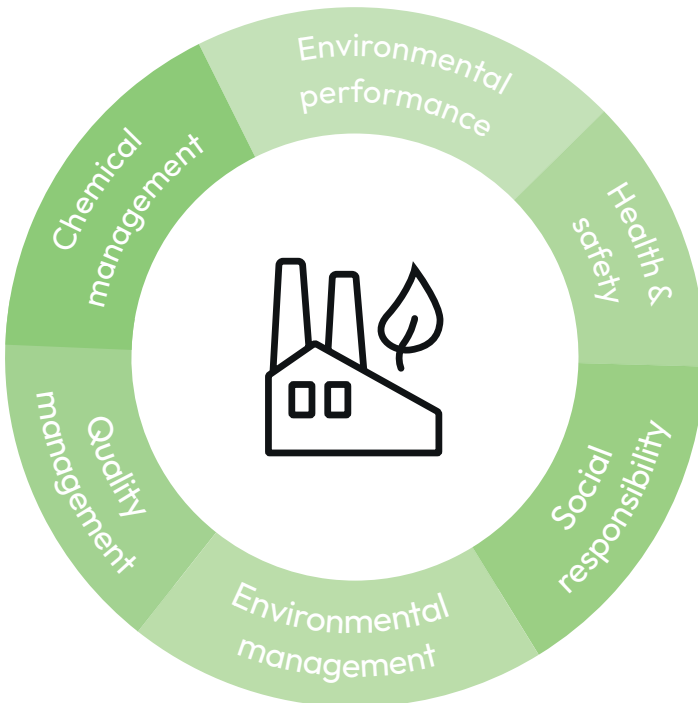
# OEKO-TEX® STeP:

## The system

Striving for environmentally friendly production processes, safer workplaces, and responsible practices, the STeP certification drives progress. It empowers supply chain actors to embrace sustainability, strengthen their competitiveness and improve their economic position.

STeP analyses all important areas of a facility using 6 modules:

1. Chemical management
2. Environmental performance
3. Environmental management
4. Social responsibility
5. Quality management
6. Health protection and safety at work



# STeP - applicable to the entire supply chain

## Textile production



Dry and wet spinning, twisting and related processes



Manufacturing of accessories (e.g., zippers, buttons, labels)



Weaving, knitting, production of non-woven and related processes



Manufacturing of foam and mattresses



Pretreatment, dyeing, printing, finishing and related processes



Textile logistics



Making up of textile products



Other (e.g., non-agricultural fibre manufacturing)

## Leather production



Beamhouse



Making up of leather products



Finishing of leather



Retanning, dyeing, fatliquoring



Tanning



Leather logistics



# Get certified



## 1. Application

Form on OEKO-TEX® website



## 4. On-site Audit

STeP auditor verifies assessment data



## 2. Online Assessment

Questionnaire



## 5. Evaluation

STeP auditor provides corrective actions & support



## 3. Analysis and Evaluation

By trained OEKO-TEX® STeP auditors



## 6. Certificate & Final report

OEKO-TEX® prepares a detailed final report

OEKO-TEX® STeP labels can be used to promote certified facilities (not products) and include the following elements:



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# Questions?

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