



**Customer information, January 2024**

## **OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON: New regulations 2024**

At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX® Association as usual updates the applicable test criteria, limit values and requirements for its range of certifications and labels. The changes in limit values can be found in a separate document. The following new regulations for OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 after a three-month transition period:

### **GMO limit value adjustment**

Following our knowledge gained in this last year, the reduction of the GMO limit value from 10% to 5% is an appropriate measure to avoid golden samples while still accounting for unavoidable contamination.

### **Annex 4: VOCs**

All VOCs will now also be tested when certifying according to Annex 4. This measure was taken to ensure greater safety with regards to the regulations and the health of the end consumer.

A transition period of 1 year is implemented for this change.

### **Auditors taking samples:**

Samples of spinners and ginners will be taken by our auditors in the future. This serves as additional protection against fraud, as these points are crucial in the supply chain.

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

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*After a three-month transition period, the new OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON test criteria and limit values will become binding for all certifications on April 1, 2024.*

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