## Client Information, January 2024

## OEKO-TEX ${ }^{\text {® }}$ STANDARD 100: New regulations 2024

At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX ${ }^{\circledR}$ 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 ${ }^{\circledR}$ STANDARD 100 come into effect on April 1st, 2024 after a three-month transition period:

## GMO limit value adjustment

Following our knowledge gained in the 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.

## pH exception

Due to their instability and small size, an exception was made for taffeta labels. The new allowed pH -value for those articles is $4.0-9.0$.

## Microplastics in decorative articles

Following the insertion of microplastics in decorative articles by the ECHA, we introduced a ban of synthetic polymer microplastics in decorative articles.

For more information on the new OEKO-TEX ${ }^{\circledR}$ test criteria, please contact OEKO-TEX ${ }^{\circledR}$ (info@oeko-tex.com) or your responsible OEKO-TEX ${ }^{\circledR}$ Institute (https://www.oekotex.com/institute).

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