

OEKO-TEX®

STeP

What is OEKO-TEX® STeP?

STeP stands for **Sustainable Textile & Leather Production** and is a transparent certification for environmentally friendly and socially responsible production facilities along the supply chain.



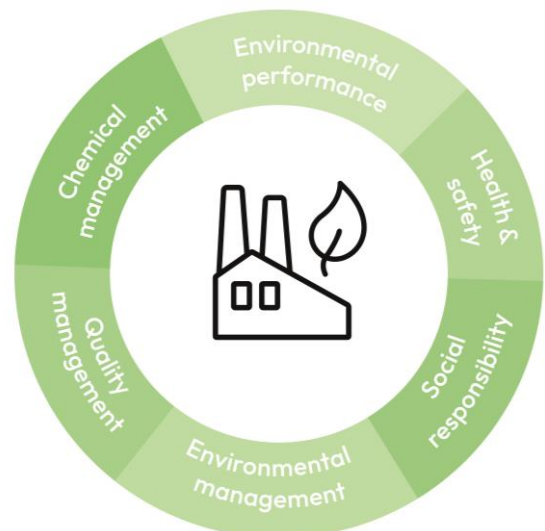
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Scope

Available to each company within the value chain, existing production conditions are analyzed and evaluated by OEKO-TEX STeP®. Clearly defined performance criteria are measured using a transparent scoring system according to the following six modules:

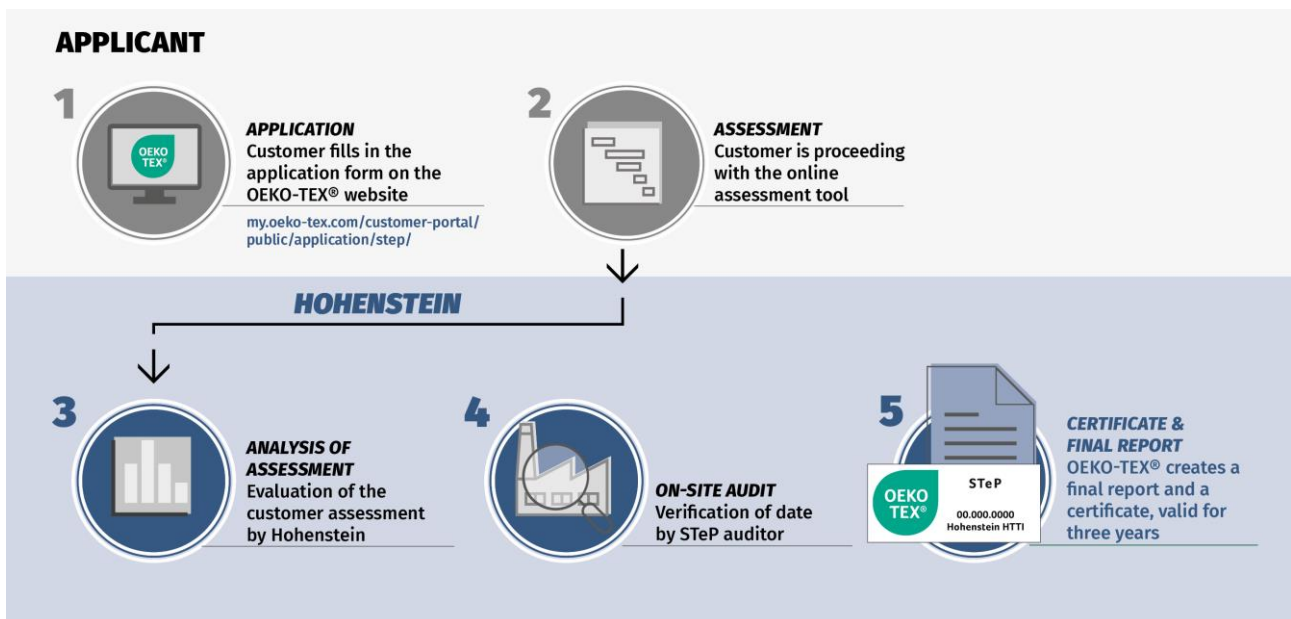
- Chemical management
- Environmental performance
- Environmental management
- Social responsibility
- Quality management
- Occupational health and safety



Output & Benefits

- An OEKO-TEX® STeP certification serves the purpose of reducing risks and hazards throughout the entire textile and leather production process. It aims to improve sustainability in all corporate sectors: from resource saving and environmental aspects to quality as well as manufacturing conditions including social compatibility and occupational safety.
- The customer receives a detailed report with a transparent performance evaluation of the production facility. This includes the identification of areas for improvement as well as corrective actions to be taken.
- The OEKO-TEX® STeP certificate shows the scope of the certificate, the overall rating, as well as the rating of the individual six modules and the OEKO-TEX® STeP level achieved.
- The usage of the OEKO-TEX® IMPACT CALCULATOR is included in the OEKO-TEX® STeP certification. This is an assessment tool for manufacturing companies to calculate their water & carbon footprint. Following a transparent methodology, carbon dioxide emissions and water consumption are measured at factory level, by processing step or per kg of material.

Certification process



Cycle of Certification

- The certificate validity is three years
- A compliance audit takes place after one and a half years
- When the certificate expires, the cycle can be re-initiated by a recertification audit
- The OEKO-TEX® STeP certificate can be renewed as often as required
- Additional unannounced surveillance audits can be carried out

OEKO-TEX® STeP Level

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
SCORING RESULT OEKO-TEX® STeP		LEVEL 2 >	
CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT		>	
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE		>	
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	>		
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY			>
QUALITY MANAGEMENT			>
SAFETY			>

- Level 1: Entry level
- Level 2: Good implementation with potential for further optimization
- Level 3: Exemplary execution in the sense of a best practice example

OEKO-TEX® Communication Tools

- The OEKO-TEX® STeP certification can only be used for direct communication at B2B level.
- For B2C communication, the OEKO-TEX® STeP certification is a cornerstone in the qualification for the OEKO-TEX® MADE IN GREEN consumer label. This label can be issued for products that have been manufactured in OEKO-TEX® STeP certified factories and have been tested for harmful substances according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 or OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD.
- The OEKO-TEX® Buying Guide is a publicly accessible online directory in which the individual company profile and the respective OEKO-TEX® products are presented. At B2B level, cooperation partners can be specifically researched. At B2C level, end consumers can obtain information about the company.

Conformity with ZDHC

- The OEKO-TEX® STeP chemical list all covers all substances of the ZDHC MRSL
- OEKO-TEX® STeP tests all substances and parameters required by the ZDHC Wastewater Guideline