PRODUCT LABEL FOR LEATHER, LEATHER CLOTHING, AND LEATHER ACCESSORIES THAT HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® is a globally standardized, independent testing and certification system for leather products and takes account of all processing stages, leather fiber materials, all kinds of leather accessories, and leather shoes.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® distinguishes between four product classes: Infants and young children, skin contact, without skin contact, and accessory materials.

The strict tests for harmful substances and the comprehensive catalog of measures include:

› Important legal regulations such as banned azo colorants, chromium (VI), PFOS, lead (US-CPSIA), etc.
› Numerous harmful chemicals, even if they are not yet regulated legally
› Numerous substance classes that are relevant to the environment
› Limit values of Annexes XVII and XIV of the REACH Regulation and relevant substances of the ECHA-SVHC-candidate list

The certification of skins and furs is subject to a special regulation within the LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®. Leathers from exotic animal species are not certifiable.

Prerequisites for issuing the certificate and the LEATHER STANDARD label are:

› The material or different constituents of a textile product must comply with the conditions, test criteria, and limit values of the standard
› Operational quality assurance
› Successful quality audit in your company by the OEKO-TEX® Institute before or shortly after the certification

THE COMPELLING BENEFITS

› You get to label your products with an independent, self-explanatory label for leather products that have been tested for harmful substances and document your product stewardship to protect the consumer.
› The independent evaluation of the world’s leading OEKO-TEX® Institutes represents a very strong, confidence-building measure for your materials and products.
› You receive practical assistance for your operational quality assurance without having to allocate resources yourself.
The modular certification system saves you money when certifying your products in case you are using materials that have already been certified according to the LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®. This is because valid certificates also apply to subsequent production stages, which helps avoid duplicate tests.

You have the opportunity to present your certified product range and your company in the Buyer’s Guide on the OEKO-TEX® homepage – in detail and free of charge.

YOUR PATH TO LEATHER STANDARD BY OEKO-TEX®

- Fill out the application form and send it – together with the sample materials (if applicable) – to the OEKO-TEX® Institute of your choice.
- The selected OEKO-TEX® Institute will contact you.
- Your OEKO-TEX® Institute will check the submitted documents and sample materials, define the extent of the testing and necessary test parameters, and then examine your products.
- After successful laboratory tests and provision of all necessary documents, you will receive the LEATHER STANDARD certificate and a detailed test report from your OEKO-TEX® Institute.
- An OEKO-TEX® expert will visit you on site before or shortly after the certification to verify the given information.

VALIDITY

The LEATHER STANDARD certificate is valid for 1 year.