



Factsheet

OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD

Product label for leather that have been tested for harmful substances

OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD is a globally standardized, independent testing and certification system for leather products all along the supply chain.

Product description

Articles can be OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certified following 4 different product classes:

- Product class I: Babies and small children up to 3 years
- Product class II: Skin contacts materials
- Product class III: Material without skin contact
- Product class IV: Home / Decoration material

The limit values can be different in the different product classes as exposure to harmful chemicals do not have the same consequences in the different product categories.

The strict tests for harmful substances and the criteria catalogue of OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD include:

- Important legal regulations such as banned azo colorants, pentachlorophenol, per-fluorinated (PFAS, PFCs), chrome VI, cadmium, lead, etc.
- Numerous harmful chemicals, even if they are not yet regulated legally
- Numerous substance classes that are relevant to the environment
- Compliance to several regulations worldwide including REACH Annex XIV and XVII, US CPSIA (lead), EU POPs regulation
- All textile and leather relevant substances of the ECHA's SVHC are covered

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

- All components of the article to be certified must comply with the conditions, test criteria and limit values of the standard (leather from exotic species cannot be certified)
- Operational quality assurance
- Successful quality audit in your company by the OEKO-TEX® Institute before or shortly after the certification
- Leather origin must be complaint with the Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023



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 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 OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD. 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 OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD

1. Fill out the application form and send it – together with the sample materials (if applicable) – to the OEKO-TEX® institute of your choice.
2. The selected OEKO-TEX® Institute will contact you.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.