ORGANIC COTTON

Application

OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON

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OEKO-TEX®

OEKO-TEX® is a global certification scheme for textile and leather sustainability.

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General indication:

If a product consists of both textile and leather components it will either be tested and certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100, ORGANIC COTTON or LEATHER STANDARD. The choice of certification is based on the dominant part (visually or by mass). The applicant will receive only one certificate and label for the product(s) to be certified. The final decision on certificate choice (particularly also at ambiguous cases) lies within the responsibility of the mandated and certifying institute.

Due to their independent status for the purposes of quality assurance, the testing institute and certification body are obliged to keep all data secret. Therefore, the testing institute and OEKO-TEX AG gives a guarantee of absolute secrecy. The data provided for in the application is exclusively used to determine the number of tests necessary for the certification.

Contact details (company, responsible person, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax number) as well as information about the certificate (certificate number, name of products , product class, information validity , etc.) are transmitted during the certification process to the OEKO-TEX AG, Gutenbergstrasse 1, CH-8002 Zurich and processed there further.

Information in the application regarding used colorants, chemicals, auxiliaries and source materials as well as 3rd party certifications may be verified with the respective supplier directly.

Any missing, unclear or contradictory entries in the application form may delay the certification process.

This application is valid only when bearing an authorized signature.

1. General Information

1.1. Applicant

Name and address will appear on the certificate as they are written below.

Firm	
Street, No.	
Zip-Code	
City	
State	
Country	
Phone / FAX	
Homepage	
E-mail	

1.2. Responsible persons

1.2.1. OEKO-TEX® department

Will be used as main contact for correspondence regarding certification.

Name	
Phone / Fax	
E-mail	

1.2.2. Marketing / Sales

Will be used as main contact for correspondence regarding newsletter.

Name	
Phone / Fax	
E-mail	

1.2.3. Quality management

Will be used as main contact for correspondence regarding on-site-visit.

Name	
Phone / Fax	
E-mail	

1.3. Other sites

1.3.1. Production site(s)

Is the address of the own production site(s), including sub-contractors, identical to the address given in 1. under *"General information"*?

☐ Yes

☐ No; please indicate the address of the own production site:

Address	
Phone / Fax	
E-mail	
Contact person	

If more own production sites exist than listed above, please use a separate page to list them.

1.3.2. Storage site(s)

Is there any own storage site outside of the addresses given in section 1. *"General information"* or 1.3.1 *"Production site(s)"*?

☐ No

☐ Yes; please indicate the address of the own storage site:

Address	
Phone / Fax	
E-mail	
Contact person	

If more than two own storage sites exit than listed above, please use a separate page to list them.

2. Certificate type

2.1. Please select the Annex you wish your products to be certified under:

☐ Annex 4

☐ Annex 6

For more information about the annexes please refer to the OEKO-TEX® ORANIC COTTON Standard section 5.2.1.

2.2. Please select the product class of your products:

☐ Product class I: Products for babies

☐ Product class II: Product with direct skin contact

☐ Product class III: Products without direct skin contact

☐ Product class IV: Decoration material

2.3. Describe the products you want to certify including accessories (if applicable)
Will be used as base for your certificate scope.

2.4. Certification for renewal or modification

2.4.1. Number of the certificate that gets renewed or modified

2.4.2. Change in the certificate scope (if applicable)

Has anything changed from the previous application with respect to certificate scope?

☐ No

☐ Yes, please specify:

3. Applicant business details

3.1. The applicant is a (please select all applicable options):
☐ Trader and/or retailer: Buys and sells products without carrying out any own production.

☐ Commissioner / Subcontractor: Operates under a model where the goods (yarn, fabrics, garments, etc.) remain owned by the client. The commission company provides services such as processing, dyeing, printing, finishing, knitting, weaving, or garment stitching, but never takes ownership of the materials.

☐ Producer/Manufacturer: Transforms sourced materials into semi-finished or finished products through its own production processes.

3.2. On the following level (please select all applicable options):
☐ Ginning

☐ Fibre production

☐ Spinning

- ☐ Dry, melt or wet spinning process without organic solvents
- ☐ Wet spinning process using organic solvents

☐ Weaving

☐ Knitting

☐ Pre-treating (e.g. scouring, washing, bleaching, ...)

☐ Dyeing

☐ Printing

☐ Finishing

- ☐ Mechanical
  - ☐ Calendaring
  - ☐ Compacting
  - ☐ Napping
  - ☐ Shearing
  - ☐ Sueding
  - ☐ Other; please specify the finishing type:

- ☐ Chemical
  - ☐ Crease resistant finish
  - ☐ Full handle
  - ☐ Softener
  - ☐ Washing
  - ☐ Antistatic finish
  - ☐ Soil release finish
  - ☐ Hydrophobic finish
  - ☐ Water, soil or oil repellent finish or coating
  - ☐ UV Finish
  - ☐ Other; please specify the finishing type:

☐ Coating, please specify:

☐ Sewing, making-up

☐ Heat treatment process

☐ Others, please specify

The following questions apply exclusively for leather parts.

☐ Semi-finished leather (e.g. Wet-blue, Wet-white, etc.)

☐ Crust

☐ Dyed Crust

☐ Finished leather

☐ Leather fibre board

☐ Leather garment, ready-made

☐ Other leather product, ready-made (e.g. bags)

☐ Others, please specify

3.3. Leather specific processes

The following questions apply exclusively for leather parts.

Please select all applicable options.

☐ Conservation of semi-finished leather

☐ Unknown

☐ TCMTB

☐ CMC

☐ OPP

☐ OIT

☐ Other; please specify

☐ Tanning

☐ Unknown

☐ Tanning with chromium(III) salts

☐ Tanning with glutardialdehyde

☐ Tanning with vegetable tanning agents

☐ Other tanning method; please specify

☐ Retanning agents

☐ Unknown

☐ Synthetic retanning agents

☐ Vegetable retanning agents

☐ Chromium (III) salts retanning agents

☐ Other; please specify

☐ Fatliquoring

☐ Unknown

☐ Fatliquors; please specify

3.4. Use of specific chemicals during production

3.4.1. Flame retardants

☐ Yes
please specify the product or the upstream certificate number where flame retardants are used

MSDS of the products must be attached to the application form if used by the applicant.

☐ No

3.4.2. Biologically active chemicals

☐ Yes
please specify the product or the upstream certificate number where biologically active chemicals are used

MSDS of the products must be attached to the application form if used by the applicant.

☐ No

3.4.3. Dimethylfumarate (DMFu)

☐ Yes; certification not possible

☐ No

3.4.4. PFAS

☐ Yes; certification not possible

☐ No

3.5. Other material (non-textile and non-leather) specific processes

3.5.1. Description of all chemical, physical and thermal treatments used during manufacture of non-textile and non-leather materials

3.5.2. Description of any other not yet described treatments (for example transport preservation)

4. Product and material details

4.1. Products containing organic cotton
The following question applies exclusively for product containing organic cotton.

4.1.1. Please select the organic cotton content in the main material of your products.

☐ 100% organic cotton content

☐ More than 70% and less than 100% organic cotton content

☐ Less than 70% organic cotton content

4.2. Leather material
The questions in this section apply exclusively to leather parts.

4.2.1. Use of chrome-free or metal-free tanned leather terminology

☐ Chrome-free

☐ Metal-free

☐ Not applicable

Indication:

If the applicant wants to have the terms “chrome-free tanned leather” and/or “metal-free tanned leather” mentioned in the scope of the certificate the following requirements need to be fulfilled:

The definition of “chrome-free tanned leather” and/or “metal-free tanned leather” according to ISO 15115 (2019) has been considered in tanning process and fulfils the requirements of 3.20 and 3.57 of the ISO 15115 (2019) respectively.

4.2.2. Origin

Necessary for compliance with the Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010.

4.2.2.1. Indicate all countries of origin for the hide, skin or leather material you are applying for

☐ Unknown

☐ Known, please specify

Please attach to the application form all relevant proof

4.2.2.2. Do you consider in your purchasing practice that your un-/processed hide or skin is coming from species appropriate husbandry and animal welfare considered animal farming/ facilities?

☐ Yes

☐ Partly, please specify

☐ No

4.2.2.3. Is a risk analysis in regard of legal and illegal deforestation, to avoid leather material coming from such areas, implemented or considered in your purchasing practice?

☐ Yes, please attach the risk analysis to the application form

☐ Only for leather materials coming from countries with high risk of deforestation (e.g. Brazil, Paraguay) , please attach the risk analysis to the application form

☐ No

4.2.2.4. Is traceability of the leather implemented or considered in your purchasing practice?

☐ Yes, traceable back to single slaughterhouse and farm by physical marking (e.g. laser engraving a number-code) and/or reliable data system.

☐ Yes, traceable back to single slaughterhouse and country by physical marking (e.g. laser engraving a number-code) and reliable data system.

☐ Yes, traceable back to slaughterhouse group, region or country by georeferenced location, by physical marking (e.g. laser engraving a number-code) or reliable data system.

☐ No

4.3. Recycled material

The following questions apply exclusively for products containing recycled material.

If recycled material is used it must be declared, and a valid proof of origin must be provided together with the application form.

Please select all applicable options.

4.3.1. Origin

☐ Recycled material produced in-house

☐ Chemically recycled
please specify:

☐ Mechanically recycled
please specify:

☐ Recycled material is purchased

☐ with 3rd party certificate (please attach to the application)

☐ without 3rd party certificate

4.3.2. Source

☐ Pre-consumer

☐ Post-consumer

4.3.3. Contents

Recycled material content in the main material of the product:

☐ More than 20% recycled content

☐ Less than 20% recycled content

5. Source material details

Source material: Raw / Input materials or components (such as fibres, yarns, fabrics, or chemicals) that are purchased or obtained to be used in a production or processing step or sold as they are.

5.1. Source material: chemicals (e.g. commodity chemicals, auxiliaries, finishings, pigments and dyestuffs)

☐ Not used

☐ Used, please select what applies:

☐ Source materials are **all** certified according to OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT

☐ Source materials are **partly** certified according to OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT

☐ Source materials are **not** certified according to OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT

All source materials used must be mentioned in the enclosed Annex 1.

5.2. Source material: textiles, leather, accessories and others

☐ Not used

☐ Used, please select what applies:

☐ Source materials are **all** certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100, OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD and/or OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON.

☐ Source materials are **partly** certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100, OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD and/or OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON.

☐ Source materials are **not** certified according to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100, OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD and/or OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON.

All source materials used must be mentioned in the enclosed Annex 1.

The certifying institute will communicate which and how many samples need to be sent for testing.

6. Quality assurance and management systems

A Quality Assurance System is a key requirement to obtain an OEKO-TEX® certification. Please join to this application your quality assurance and management system which must contain at least the following aspects (exception: for trading companies not all aspects might be applicable):

- Organizational chart/list with names and responsibilities (CEO, Purchasing, QM etc.)
- Procedures for the purchase (suppliers), production, traceability, quality control (incoming and outgoing), proper storage and identification (of raw materials as well as of products that may or may not be covered by the OEKO-TEX® certification)
- Procedure how to handle non-conformities and corrective actions

6.1. How is quality assured?

☐ By externally certified management system (e.g. OEKO-TEX® STeP, ISO 9000, EMAS, SA 8000)
Please join copy of the relevant certificate to the application form.

☐ By an in-house system (must contain information about suppliers/purchasers, goods inward, process and final control)
Please join a short description to the application form.

7. Declaration of commitment

Name of the authorized representative of the applicant:

By signing the application, the applicant is responsible to comply with the animal and species protection, which are relevant for them. Regarding to this the OEKO-TEX AG excludes any liability.

The applicant acknowledges that the use of protected trade names / marks as well as terms which are protected elsewhere (for example by law, as it is the case for „organic“) in the product description on the certificate are in his sole responsibility.

The applicant agrees that their company name and address can be mentioned in a searchable international reference list of OEKO-TEX® certified businesses (Buying Guide, see: https://www.oeko-tex.com/en/buying-guide/). This is a private, non-state reference list and free of charge for certificate holders. The entry in the list is only valid for the validity duration of the certificate. The list can be accessed worldwide.

The applicant agrees that he will receive repeated information from OEKO-TEX AG in the form of an electronic newsletter to the e-mail address mentioned in the application (please cross out this paragraph if you do not agree to this).

Please download and completely read through the Terms of Use (ToU) at www.oeko-tex.com/ToU as they become an integral part of the certification contract. By checking the box, you confirm that you have downloaded, read, understood and agree with the Terms of Use.

☐ I agree to the Terms of Use (ToU), www.oeko-tex.com/ToU (Note: Without agreement testing and certification cannot be conducted)

☐ I agree that the label check (https://www.oeko-tex.com/en/label-check/) and Buying Guide (https://www.oeko-tex.com/en/buying-guide/) contain certain certificate data (transparency principle), including but not limited to:

1. Name and address of the licensee of the certificate
2. Validity or expiration date of the certificate
3. Version of the standard under which the certificate was issued

(Note: Without agreement testing and certification cannot be conducted)

Please download and fill out the Declaration of Conformity (DoC). The DoC becomes an integral part of the certification contract. By checking the box, you confirm that you have downloaded, filled out, understood and signed the DoC.

☐ I agree with the Declaration of Conformity (DoC), (Note: Without agreement testing and certification cannot be conducted)

Date:_____

Signature:_____