Factsheet

Recycled materials in OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100

Certification of recycled materials

With their previous life, recycled materials pose different challenges for certification than virgin materials.
If recycled material is mentioned in the article scope, special conditions apply.

Product description

For the certification of recycled materials with OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100, different rules apply than for virgin materials. If your article contains more than 20% of recycled material and/or “recycled” is mentioned in the article scope the following conditions apply:

1. More information about the source of the materials is requested in the application.
2. An effective quality management system needs to be proven to ensure consistent product quality.
3. The testing program can differ compared to virgin material. While there is no chemical test to determine whether a material is recycled or not, various sources can lead to a higher testing frequency.
4. A separate certificate is needed for virgin material.
5. Blends with virgin material are allowed if they are necessary for the manufacturing of the material.

The compelling benefits

- You get to label your products with one of the world’s most recognized and widely used labels for textiles that have been tested for harmful substances and document your product stewardship to protect consumers.
- The independent evaluation of the OEKO-TEX® institutes represents a confidence-building measure for your materials and products.
- The OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 certificate is the key to new business partnerships since its criteria are often the basis of Restricted Substances Lists (RSLs) of retail chains, discounters, producers, etc.
- You receive practical assistance for your operational quality assurance without having to allocate resources yourself.
- A network of over 35,000 companies around the world make it easier for you to select raw materials and business partners along the textile chain.

Your path to OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100

1. Register for STANDARD 100 at www.oeko-tex.com to receive access to the OEKO-TEX® Connect platform.
2. Send a representative sample of the material and all required documents to your OEKO-TEX® institute.
3. The institute will examine your products and review all documents.
4. After successful laboratory tests and provision of all necessary documents, you will receive the certificate and a detailed test report.

Validity

The STANDARD 100 certificate is valid for 1 year.