Responsible production for people and planet

STeP

The highest standards: for complete confidence

OEKO-TEX® STeP certification sets the highest standards for both social and environmental aspects of textile and leather production. This certification is a sign of responsibility towards employees and the environment, and supports a company's journey towards more sustainable production.

STeP focuses on certification for the entire textile and leather production. From fibre manufacturing to spinning or tanning to finishing and making-up.

Environmental and chemical management

Social responsibility and fair working conditions

Safety and protection for workers

Efficiency and continuous improvement of production processes and efficient use of resources

What advantages does OEKO-TEX® STeP offer?

✓ Modular System:

STeP certification is a prerequisite for the OEKO-TEX® MADE IN GREEN product label.

✓ Quality assurance:

Certified facilities are checked and proven, by independent 3rd parties. We offer an easy and comprehensive online form, which is filled out by the customer and verified by trained and experienced STeP auditors.
After verifying the data on-site, the auditor gives targeted support in the form of corrective actions to improve sustainability measures. Every 3 years, this process is repeated.

✓ Strong Network:

With a network of over 1,000 certified companies, we support the search for trustworthy business partners along the textile and leather value chain.

✓ Business Opportunities:

The STeP certificate documents your sustainable commitment and enables clear communication with partners and customers. STeP scoring provides comprehensive assessment targeting your improvement efforts.

✓ Harmonisation:

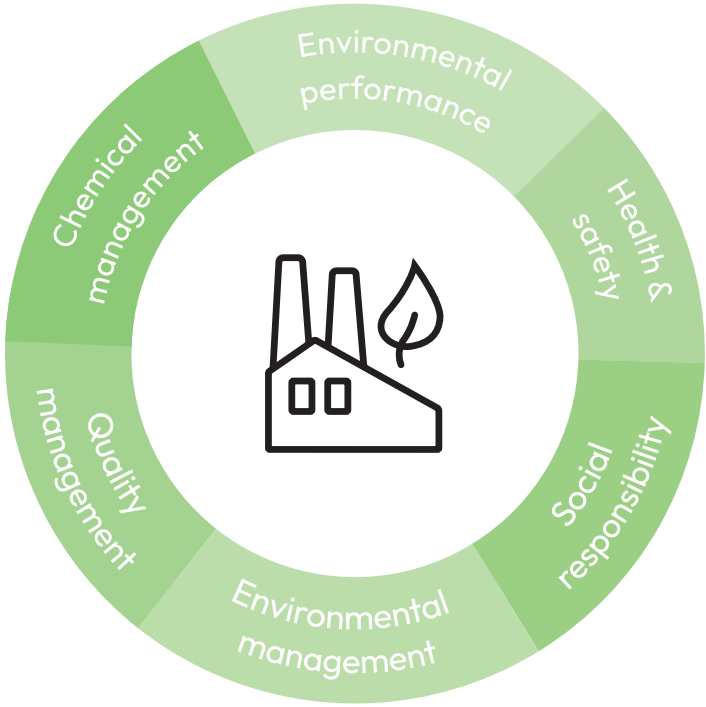
STeP acknowledges third-party certifications (e.g. BSCI, FWF, SA8000, ISO 14001, ISO 9001) and strives for harmonization in the industry. Cooperations with industry partners like ZDHC, GoBlu, SLCP, SLF are implemented in the certification. Additional exposure is provided by listings in the ZDHC Gateway or the BHive® App from GoBlu.

OEKO-TEX® STeP: The system

Striving for environmentally friendly production processes, safer workplaces, and responsible practices, the STeP certification drives progress.
It empowers supply chain actors to embrace sustainability, strengthen their competitiveness and improve their economic position.

STeP analyses all important areas of a facility using 6 modules:

1. Chemical management
2. Environmental performance
3. Environmental management
4. Social responsibility
5. Quality management
6. Health protection and safety at work



STeP - applicable to the entire supply chain

Textile production

Dry and wet spinning, twisting and related processes

Manufacturing of accessories (e.g., zippers, buttons, labels)

Weaving, knitting, production of non-woven and related processes

Manufacturing of foam and mattresses

Pretreatment, dyeing, printing, finishing and related processes

Textile logistics

Making up of textile products

Other (e.g., non-agricultural fibre manufacturing)

Beamhouse

Making up of leather products

Finishing of leather

Retanning, dyeing, fatliquoring

Tanning

Leather logistics

Get certified

1. Application
Form on OEKO-TEX® website

2. Online Assessment
Questionnaire

3. Analysis and Evaluation
By trained OEKO-TEX® STeP auditors

4. On-site Audit
STeP auditor verifies assessment data

5. Evaluation
STeP auditor provides corrective actions & support

6. Certificate & Final report
OEKO-TEX® prepares a detailed final report

OEKO-TEX® STeP labels can be used to promote certified facilities (not products) and include the following elements:

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