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OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD: New regulations in 2025

At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX® Association as usual updates the applicable test criteria, limit values and requirements for its range of certifications and labels. The changes in limit values can be found in a separate document. The following new regulations for OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD come into effect on April 1st, 2025, after a three-month transition period:

Update on Leather Origin

The implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) has been postponed by 12 months to give Member States, economic operators and trading partners additional time to prepare.

Traceability and supply chain transparency will ensure that leather products do not contribute to deforestation. In view of the upcoming legal guidelines, we believe it is important to implement the necessary measures and take a proactive approach.

OEKO-TEX® will maintain proof of origin as a feature of the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD certification as of January 2025.

This proof of origin will be mandatory for all hides, skins and finished leather made from cows or calves. To demonstrate the origin of these materials, it is sufficient to provide invoices from abattoirs or import bills containing origin details, for example. The requirement concerning origin will remain optional for any leather products (e.g. bags or gloves) and for articles made from any other animal.

For more information on the new OEKO-TEX® test criteria, please contact OEKO-TEX® (info@oeko-tex.com) or your local OEKO-TEX® institute (www.oeko-tex.com/offices).



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After a three-month transition period, the new OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD test criteria and limit values will become binding for all certifications on April 1st, 2025.