



OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100: New regulations 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® STANDARD 100 come into effect on April 1st, 2025, after a three-month transition period:

"Organic" and "GMO not detectable" mentions

After careful consideration and in line with our commitment to transparency and quality, we will, starting from the 1st of April 2025, no longer include the mention of "organic" or "GMO not detectable" in STANDARD 100 for articles made of cotton.

This decision is driven by our dedication to maintaining the highest standards of safety and compliance. Certifying your cotton as organic is now achievable through OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON. **Please note:** This change specifically pertains to cotton materials. Other organic materials such as hemp, linen, or wool remain unaffected.

This change is implemented to enhance our oversight of certified organic cotton, an area where fraud is prevalent. Our aim is to certify only genuinely trustworthy organic cotton as such.

Transparency in the OEKO-TEX® label check

To increase transparency, we will now add the name and address of certificate owners in the label check. This measure will be voluntary for the first year and mandatory from April 2026 on.

Annex 4: VOCs

All VOCs are now also tested when certifying according to annex 4. This measure was taken to ensure greater safety with regards to the regulations and the health of the end consumer. The transition period of 1 year was over by January 1st, 2025.

Microplastics in glitter

Microplastics from glitters have been set under observation.



Pre-consumer PET bottles

Pre-consumer PET bottles will not be considered a source of recycled material for STANDARD 100 certificates anymore.

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



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After a three-month transition period, the new OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 test criteria and limit values will become binding for all certifications on April 1st, 2025.