

Factsheet

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®

PRODUCT LABEL FOR LEATHER, LEATHER CLOTHING, AND LEATHER ACCESSORIES THAT HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® is a globally standardized, independent testing and certification system for leather products and takes account of all processing stages, leather fiber materials, all kinds of leather accessories, and leather shoes.



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® distinguishes between four product classes: Infants and young children, skin contact, without skin contact, and accessory materials.

The strict tests for harmful substances and the comprehensive catalog of measures include:

- Important legal regulations such as banned azo colorants, chromium (VI), PFOS, lead (US-CPSIA), etc.
- Numerous harmful chemicals, even if they are not yet regulated legally
- Numerous substance classes that are relevant to the environment
- Limit values of Annexes XVII and XIV of the REACH Regulation and relevant substances of the ECHA-SVHC-candidate list

The certification of skins and furs is subject to a special regulation within the LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®. Leathers from exotic animal species are not certifiable.

Prerequisites for issuing the certificate and the LEATHER STANDARD label are:

- The material or different constituents of a textile product must comply with the conditions, test criteria, and limit values of the standard
- Operational quality assurance
- Successful quality audit in your company by the OEKO-TEX® Institute before or shortly after the certification

THE COMPELLING BENEFITS

- You get to label your products with an independent, self-explanatory label for leather products that have been tested for harmful substances and document your product stewardship to protect the consumer.
- The independent evaluation of the world's leading OEKO-TEX® Institutes represents a very strong, confidence-building measure for materials and products.
- You receive practical assistance for your operational quality assurance without having to allocate resources yourself.