

STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® test criteria 2017

New regulations come into force on 1 April

Following the end of the usual three-month transition period, the test criteria and limit values of the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® published at the start of the year have now finally come into force on 1 April 2017.

The new regulations include changes such as regarding the parameter “per- and polyfluorinated compounds”. Here, many substances have been added or listed explicitly by name in product class I (items for babies and toddler), for example, and provided with limit values. Thus, since 1 April the use of per- and polyfluorinated compounds in product class I is severely restricted and nearly eliminated. A large number of substances were also included in the list of regulated softeners (phthalates) in all of the product classes. The three organic tin compounds dipropyltin (DPT), monophenyltin (MPHT) and tetraethyltin (TeET) are now regulated with limit values in all product classes. The UV stabilisers UV 320, UV 327, UV 328 and UV 350 have now also been provided with limit values in product classes I to III. In addition, the use of the blue colourant “Navy Blue” is also now explicitly prohibited for product certification per STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®.

Furthermore in the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® an expanded criteria catalogue was developed which establishes companies assistance, who are particularly focused on the Detox campaign. This expanded criteria catalogue, however, is only used within the context of a STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification process if expressly requested by the applicant.

Requirements and references that relate to leather materials and leather products were taken from the 2017 edition of the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® respectively adapted where necessary because the OEKO-TEX® Association has published the standalone new LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® on 1 January 2017.

With many of these new requirements the OEKO-TEX® Association significantly supports for both the “Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) initiative” and the “Detox campaign”. These new changes will let OEKO-TEX® further increase awareness in the textile manufacturing chain regarding the responsible handling of potentially hazardous substances in textile products and sustainable production in 2017. By working with the OEKO-TEX® system, companies play their part in ensuring effective consumer protection and environmentally friendly and socially responsible production.

About OEKO-TEX®

With 25 years of experience, OEKO-TEX® leads the world in empowering and enabling consumers and companies to protect our planet by making responsible decisions. OEKO-TEX® provides standardised solutions which optimise customers' manufacturing processes and help deliver high quality, more sustainable products. All of the products within the OEKO-TEX® portfolio are used to strengthen our customers' systems, processes or products and, ultimately, they help create more sustainable companies. To date, 10,000 manufacturers, brands, and retailers in almost 100 countries are working with OEKO-TEX® to ensure that their products are tested for potentially harmful substances and millions of consumers around the world look for OEKO-TEX® labels before making buying decisions. OEKO-TEX® certified products and suppliers can be located in the OEKO-TEX® Online Buying Guide at www.oeko-tex.com/products. Connect with OEKO-TEX® on Facebook, on LinkedIn, and on Twitter.