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OEKO-TEX® Transition-Guide

NEW SUPPLY CHAIN REQUIREMENTS

What's coming?

- 2025: Create Transparency
- 2026: Supply Chain Analysis
- 2027: Complete Integration

March 2026 – Supply Chain Analysis

Changes to the acceptance of upstream certificates

For certificate renewals, only **upstream certificates from direct suppliers** will be accepted going forward.
Direct suppliers will need to be more closely involved in the certification strategy.

To Do

- ☐ Watch the Hohenstein webinar
- ☐ **Analyze certification chains** and identify relevant direct suppliers
- ☐ **Prepare direct suppliers** early for the new requirements
- ☐ Check whether direct suppliers need their own certification

Valid for OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100, ORGANIC COTTON and LEATHER STANDARD.

Change to certification requirements for wet processes

Suppliers with wet processes (e.g. dyeing, printing, washing or finishing) within the supply chain will need to be certified going forward.

To Do

- ☐ Watch the Hohenstein webinar
- ☐ Map the supply chain and **identify wet processes**
- ☐ **Prepare** textile finishing companies **early** for the new requirements
- ☐ Assess the certification needs of direct suppliers

Valid for OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 and ORGANIC COTTON.

January 2025 – Create Transparency

Transparency in the OEKO-TEX® Label Check

Names and addresses of certificate holders will be **displayed** in the Label Check going forward.

To Do

- ☐ **Review your business and sourcing strategy** in light of the new transparency
- ☐ Check the visibility of existing supplier relationships
- ☐ Manage visibility as a benefit: **use your own OEKO-TEX® certification** and a Buying Guide listing to present your company proactively

June 2027 – Complete Implementation

End of the Transition Period: The New Requirements Become Mandatory

From June 2027, only base certificates from direct suppliers will be accepted for renewals.

To Do

- ☐ Check that your certification chain is complete in line with the 2026 changes (see description on left side)
- ☐ **Make sure that all direct suppliers and all wet processes are OEKO-TEX® certified**

Do you have any questions? We are happy to help.
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