

## Press information

### Costco Selects STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® for product screening

Costco Smart Screening protocol updated with certification in lieu of further textile testing requirements

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ISSAQUAH, WA – January 27, 2018 – Costco announces partnership with the Hohenstein Group to integrate STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification into its Smart Screening Program to ensure safe, traceable and sustainable products. The program is designed to protect consumer and environmental health by removing chemicals of concern (COCs) from the products offered Costco stores worldwide.

Used by over 10,000 manufacturers, brands and retailers in 100 countries, STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® is an independent verification that products have been tested for harmful substances.

Suppliers with STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification are now eligible for exemption from the additional product testing portion of the Costco Smart Screening protocol. By engaging STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®, Costco is encouraging material manufacturers and suppliers to take control of chemical management as far back in the supply chain as possible. This ensures that better and greener chemistry begins at the factory and flows to the consumer.

#### 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 standardized solutions which optimize 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](http://www.oeko-tex.com/products). Connect with OEKO-TEX® on Facebook, on LinkedIn, and on Twitter.

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