

Oeko-Tex® International



Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 Frequently Asked Questions

Who founded the Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 and when was it first published?

The Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 was founded by the *Oeko-Tex® International Association for the Assessment of Environmentally Friendly Textiles* and the first edition was issued in 1995.

What was the purpose of developing the Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000?

The certification scheme Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 was developed upon the requirement of environmental friendly textile production sites to document their effort against the public. This especially for textile companies having already certified their products according to Oeko-Tex® Standard 100.

What is the aim of the Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000?

The aim of the Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 is an evaluation of the environmental performance of textile production sites and products, to document independently that certain environmental measures are undertaken and a certain level is achieved.

What are the environmental, legal and ethical aspects of Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000?

- Conservation and protection of resources
- Use of defined auxiliaries, chemicals, dyestuffs & technologies
- Water and energy consumption
- Limitation of emissions
- Production waste, waste water cleaning
- Consideration of global and local aspects
- Defined working place conditions (labour protection, noise, dust etc.)
- Compliance with social criteria (no children work, no discrimination, work time etc.)

What are the relevant differences between Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 and ISO 14001?

The Standard ISO 14001 has been set up to find environmental audit procedures for any kind of company without further specification and is of great support for obtaining Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 certificate. Besides an environmental management system also a quality management system is necessary for a certification according to Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000. Furthermore the compliance with limits regarding applied technologies and limit values for textile production plants.

What are the advantages of Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000?

- The only certification scheme especially designed for textile production plants.
- Clearly defined criteria and limit values.
- Extends the human-ecological testing in conformity with the Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 by the inspection of the ecology of production.
- Can be applied on all links of a textile chain and therefore gives the possibility to make a global statement about the environmental concerned production of a textile product being on the market.
- Possibility to inform the end user (consumer) that he has a textile product in hand produced according to the requirements of Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 where all processes in the textile chain are included. This enhanced assurance for the consumer can be accomplished by marking the end product with the label *Oeko-Tex® Standard 100plus*.

**How does the certification procedure work?**

- First of all contact a member of the *Oeko-Tex International Association* and apply for an Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 and an application form.
- Send duly filled in and signed application form to the institute.
- The institute will supply the applicant with the relevant questionnaire which helps basically to analyse the strength and weakness of the properties.
- After receipt of the duly filled in and signed questionnaire the institute will audit the enterprise, i.e. an independent auditor goes to the production site and examines how far the criteria's of Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000 are fulfilled and how far a sufficient enterprise internal documentation of the environmental relevant parameters are available.
- After the successful audit the enterprise will be certified and is given the right to use the label "Textile confidence - environmental friendly production tested according to Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000".

How many years is the certification valid?

The certification of a production site according to *Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000* is valid for 3 years. The certification according to *Oeko-Tex® Standard 100plus* on the end product is valid for one year.

How many certificates have already been issued?

The currently issued certificates are listed in a reference list on the following website www.oeko-tex1000.com.