

OEKO-TEX® Summary

Certifications, labels and services for sustainable and responsible textiles and leather



OEKO-TEX® Network

17

Independent
textile/leather
research & test
institutes

100

Worldwide
representative
offices

21,000

Companies
working with
OEKO-TEX®

235,000

Certificates
issued

Solutions for the entire chain

Input control

OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT is an independent certification for textile and leather **chemicals, dyes, and auxiliaries**. The verification process ensures that substances fulfil specific requirements regarding sustainable and socially responsible production. ECO PASSPORT certified chemicals are ZDHC compliant.

OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON is a reliable third-party testing and certification system for textile products made from organic cotton or blends with $\geq 70\%$ organic cotton. The scope comprises supply chain traceability, testing for genetically modified cotton, harmful substances and proof of origin in organic farming.

Process control

OEKO-TEX® STeP is an independent certification for **environmentally friendly and socially responsible production facilities** of the textile and leather supply chain that want to transparently document their commitment to sustainable through an assessment, audit and scoring.

The **OEKO-TEX® Impact Calculator** is a simple, science-based online tool for calculating the **carbon and water footprint** of STeP certified production facilities. It helps target reduction of environmental impact.

Output control

OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 is an independent certification system for textiles from all stages of production that have been tested for **harmful substances**.

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OEKO-TEX® MADE IN GREEN labeled products were made with materials tested for harmful substances and produced in environmentally friendly facilities under socially responsible working conditions. The unique product ID provides a transparent way to learn more about its manufacturing journey.

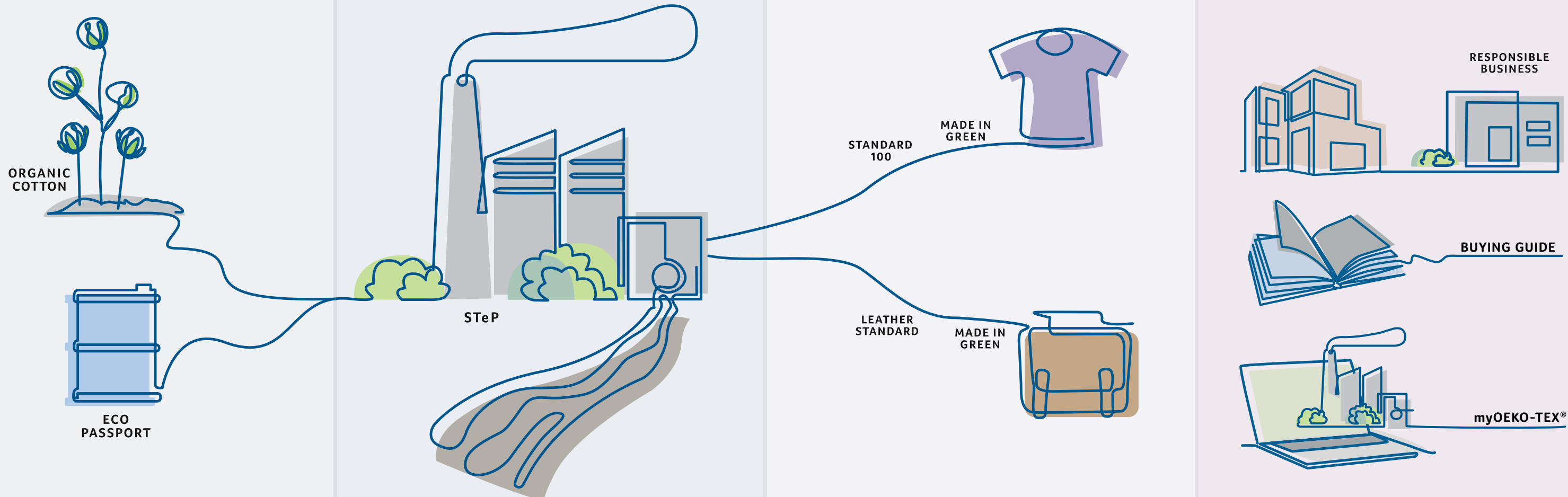
OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD is an independent certification system for leather articles from all stages of production that have been tested for harmful substances.

Supply chain management

OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS is an assessment tool and certification. It supports companies in implementing and transparently communicating corporate due diligence obligations throughout their supply chains to protect human rights and the environment.

The **OEKO-TEX® Buying Guide** is an online platform for marketing and sourcing. The free tool provides access to products, brands and manufacturers certified according to OEKO-TEX® standards.

myOEKO-TEX® is the central portal for the certificate and application management of all OEKO-TEX® products.



Partner with us.

As a founding member of the OEKO-TEX® Association, Hohenstein supports suppliers, brands and retailers with product stewardship and sustainability.

Market Challenge

- Busy consumers and buyers who need easy ways to do the right thing
- Constantly changing global regulations
- Extensive water use and discharge
- Public, government and NGO focus on chemicals used in and released from textile manufacturing
- Factory output, from waste to product, as a result of incoming chemicals

OEKO-TEX® System for Brands and Retailers

- Internal compliance for supply chain - instead of proprietary RSLs and extra testing
- Compliance with global regulations and NGOs
- Alignment with industry initiatives (ZDHC, AAFA, REACH, CPSIA, etc.)
- Safer products, more sustainable production
- Traceable, 3rd party certification label for sustainability story
- Protect and enhance brand reputation