

**THE LABEL FOR  
LEATHER TESTED FOR  
HARMFUL SUBSTANCES.**





# IDEA

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**EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS WORLDWIDE.**

### **Tested for harmful substances**

For consumers in markets such as Europe, it goes without saying that purchased leather products are harmless to health. The legal requirements are correspondingly high. Nevertheless, complaints and recalls of leather products due to the discovery of harmful chemicals occur again and again.

The LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® certification ensures the legal conformity of the tested leather products. It also certifies that a product awarded the LEATHER STANDARD has been reliably tested for harmful substances.

### **Quality assurance for companies**

On the basis of a scientifically based catalogue of criteria and neutral laboratory tests, the companies in the supply chain are given targeted support in implementing the human-ecological product safety they are striving for. The certificate serves many companies as proof of compliance with the required delivery conditions.





# ADVANTAGES

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## WHAT ADVANTAGES DOES LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® OFFER?

You label your products with an independent, self-explanatory label for leather articles tested for harmful substances and thus document your product responsibility to protect the consumer. The independent evaluation by the OEKO-TEX® institutes available worldwide represents a very strong, confidence-building measure for your materials and products. You will receive practical assistance for your operational quality assurance. Thanks

to the modular certification system, you can save costs when certifying your products if you already use LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® certified raw materials, as valid certificates are recognised at subsequent production stages and double tests are thus avoided. You have the opportunity to present your certified product range and your company in detail and free of charge in the OEKO-TEX® Buying Guide on the homepage.

The strict tests for harmful substances & the extensive catalogue of measures include:



### Legal regulations

(azo colorants, chromium(VI), PFOS, lead etc.)



### Chemicals of health concern



### Environmentally relevant substance classes



### Requirements of Annexes XVII and XIV of the REACH Regulation and the ECHA SVHC Candidate List



# DETAILS

## THE MODULAR SYSTEM.

Product certification according to LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® is modular. Leather articles can be tested and certified at any stage of processing, including the manufacture of acces-

sories. The certification of furs is subject to a special regulation within the LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®. Leather from exotic animals cannot be certified.



Semi-finished leather products (e.g. Wet-blue, Wet-white, Crust, etc.)



Ready-made articles (clothing of all kinds, accessories, etc.)



Leather fibre materials



Finished leather

## THE 4 PRODUCT CLASSES OF LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX®.

The LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® tests for harmful substances are always based on the intended use of the leather articles. The more intensive

the skin contact of a product and the more sensitive the skin, the stricter human-ecological requirements must be observed.



### PRODUCT CLASS 1

Articles for babies and toddlers up to 3 years (leather clothing, sheepskin crawling blankets, furs, etc.)



### PRODUCT CLASS 3

Articles without direct contact to the skin (jackets, coats, etc.)



### PRODUCT CLASS 2

Articles with direct contact to the skin (leather pants/jackets, leather underwear, etc.)



### PRODUCT CLASS 4

Decoration material (upholstery covers, etc.)



# CERTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING STEPS ARE REQUIRED FOR A  
LEATHER STANDARD CERTIFICATION.



## CERTIFICATION APPLICATION.

Completion of the application form and submission of the material sample



## ON-SITE VISIT.

Inspection and evaluation of the factory (before or shortly after certification)



## VERIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION.

Verification of the application and the material sample



## REPORT.

Delivery of a detailed test report



## DEFINITION & ANALYTICS.

Definition of test and measurement criteria, development of an individual measurement plan, testing of the material sample



## CERTIFICATE.

Issue of certificate for one year

This is what the LEATHER STANDARD label must look like.

Logo \_\_\_\_\_  
Pledge &  
web address \_\_\_\_\_



Certificate number &  
\_\_\_\_\_ responsible institute



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