

Press information

Non-wovens tested for harmful substances for varied areas of application in the textile industry

OEKO-TEX® represented at index14 with its own trade fair stand for the first time - specialist presentations as part of the Exhibitor Presentations Forum

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Zurich (hm) From 8th-11th April the OEKO-TEX® Association will, for the first time, have its own information stand at index14, the leading international trade fair for the non-woven fabric industry. In Hall 4, stand 4489, competent experts from several OEKO-TEX® institutes and also from the OEKO-TEX® Secretariat and Certification Centre are available for personal talks during the four-day fair which attracts around 12,500 visitors. Three specialist presentations held as part of the "Exhibitor Presentations Forum" in Hall 1 will also inform the visitors about the latest developments in product certification in accordance with the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 and about the requirements for STeP by OEKO-TEX® certification for Sustainable Textile Production.

In total around 133,000 OEKO-TEX® certificates have been issued to 9,500 companies from more than 90 countries for textiles at all processing levels.

Of 13,078 valid certificates issued in accordance with the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 (as at 12/2013), around 744 were issued for non-wovens. This means that the number of certificates in the area of non-wovens has tripled since 2010. 325 certificates were issued in product class I (textiles for babies and infants) and 377 in product class II (textiles with direct skin contact). There are also 10 certificates in product class III (textiles without direct skin contact) and 22 certificates in product class IV (furnishing materials).

Certification focusses on appropriate interlinings for clothing textiles and materials for mattresses. There are also very delicate non-wovens for cosmetic and cleaning cloths as well as fibre non-wovens with mechanical, thermal and chemical reinforcement which are used for filler materials and upholstery in the automotive industry, amongst others.

For more detailed information on the OEKO-TEX® participation at index14, contact Birgit Klaus, OEKO-TEX® Foundation GmbH, email: bklaus@certification-oekotex.com.



Jutta Knels, Director of the OEKO-TEX® Foundation GmbH (Frankfurt), presents the latest developments for the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 and gives a short overview about the STeP by OEKO-TEX® certification.

Presentation times

8th April, 3 pm - 3:20 pm

9th April, 2 pm - 2:20 pm

Location: Hall 1, Exhibitor Presentations Forum



David Pircher, OEKO-TEX® Product Manager (Zurich), gives an overview of the requirements and process of the STeP by OEKO-TEX® certification for Sustainable Textile Production.

Presentation time:

10th April, 1 pm - 1:20 pm

Location: Hall 1, Exhibitor Presentations Forum



With around 133,000 certificates issued for products at all processing levels and with over 9,500 participating manufacturers around the world, the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 is the leading international certification system for textiles tested for harmful materials.

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"Sustainable Textile Production (STeP) by OEKO-TEX" is an independent certification system for brands, retail companies, and manufacturers from the textile chain who want to communicate their achievements regarding sustainable production to the public in a transparent, credible, and clear manner. Certification is possible for production facilities of all processing stages from fibre production, spinning mills, weaving mills, and knitting mills to finishing facilities and manufacturers of ready-made textile items.

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