

## Leather Standard by OEKO-TEX®

*On 1 January 2017 PFI became a member of the [OEKO-TEX®](#) Association. The new [Leather Standard by OEKO-TEX®](#) certification system places PFI in the position of testing interface for numerous consumer products made of textiles or leather or of a combination of these two materials.*



The material-relevant criteria of the Leather Standard by OEKO-TEX® together with the pertinent testing methods and the uniform standard procedures adopted, particularly in the analysis of hazardous substances, will further improve human-ecological product safety in the globalised textiles and leather sectors. Moreover, the leather standard will facilitate communication between trade and industry because the OEKO-TEX® tools enhance transparency along the supply chain.

The business website [www.oeko-tex.com](http://www.oeko-tex.com) has over 5000 visitors per day from all corners of the globe. Many companies offering products labelled «OEKO-TEX® Tested for Harmful Substances» can be found in the purchasing guide on the OEKO-TEX® website along with a company profile. Interested consumers can thus learn more not only about a particular company's products but also about the company itself and its commitment to quality assurance and safety from harmful substances, fair working practices, and sustainable production.

The accompanying [fact sheet](#) provides further information about the Leather Standard by OEKO-TEX®. Moreover, the OEKO-TEX® website also offers [webinars concerning diverse OEKO-TEX® services](#), including a [presentation of the new leather standard](#).

Jutta Knels, who spent many years working for OEKO-TEX® and joined the staff of PFI on 1 April, will gladly advise and assist you in all matters relating to certification and auditing of current OEKO-TEX® services and products.

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OEKO-TEX® is an international association of 18 independent test and research institutes sharing a common purpose: Protection against possible hazardous substances in products and achievement of more sustainable production conditions both in the textile industry as well as now, as a new focus, also in the leather sector. The OEKO-TEX® association is represented in over 60 countries with its own offices.