

OEKO-TEX®: 2019 Revisions

In 2019 it remains the declared aim of the OEKO-TEX® Association to promote consumer protection and sustainability along the entire value chain of textiles and leather. The existing guidelines of the OEKO-TEX® product portfolio were therefore again revised at the beginning of the year. After a transition phase of three months, the revisions will come into force on 1 April 2019.

A guiding principle of OEKO-TEX® is to adopt a proactive approach to consumer protection rather than waiting for new legislation. Year for year all the underlying sets of criteria are revised in the specialist meetings held to consider the various certification systems. Since 2017 scientists from PFI have also been working with OEKO-TEX® on the task of early determination of problem substances in consumer products and their elimination prior to any legal ban.

OEKO-TEX®: New “REACH Annex XVII CMR* Legislation” Integrated as of April 2019

Among other substances, benzene as well as four amine salts have been included in STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® and LEATHER STANDARD by OEKO-TEX® and concentration limits have been set. The substance quinoline, which has been under observation by OEKO-TEX® since 2018, has now been assigned a limit.

In the course of “harmonisation” of limit value requirements nearly all limits now include the symbol “<”.



On implementation of the above-mentioned revisions, STANDARD 100 and LEATHER STANDARD will already conform to the requirements of the new “REACH Annex XVII CMR* legislation” from 1 April 2019 (Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1513). In contrast, the new limits for the pertinent CMR substances will only become legally binding from 1 November 2020.

OEKO-TEX® provides interested companies access to the revisions of its products by way of a webinar. You can watch via the following links:

- in German <https://bit.ly/2D9wHV8>
- in English <https://bit.ly/2Sp7O1G>
- in Chinese <https://bit.ly/2SrELKJ>

* CMR stands for *carcinogenic, mutagenic, and reprotoxic*

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