What is STeP by OEKO-TEX®?

STeP stands for Sustainable Textile and Leather Production and is a transparent process certification for environmentally friendly and socially responsible production facilities along the textile chain.

All facilities along the value chain can be certified according to STeP by OEKO-TEX®. STeP analyses and evaluates existing production conditions with regard to the following six modules:

- Chemical management
- Environmental performance
- Environmental management
- Social responsibility
- Quality management
- Occupational health and safety

What do you get?

- The customer receives a detailed report which is a transparent evaluation of performance by the production facility with regard to sustainability.
- The overall evaluation is shown on the STeP certificate together with the evaluation of the six separate modules and the sustainability level achieved.
- The certification reduces hazards and risks within the entire textile and leather production sector. It aims to improve the sustainability, quality, and resource efficiency of production facilities.
How is STeP integrated in the OEKO-TEX® system?

- STeP is exclusively used for B2B communication. The consumer label MADE IN GREEN by OEKO-TEX® is suitable for B2C communication. It can be issued for products that have been tested for harmful substances in accordance with STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® and which have been manufactured in facilities certified according to STeP.
- Since 2018 the DETOX TO ZERO by OEKO-TEX® status can also be determined in the course of a STeP certification and issued in the form of a report.

How does the certification process work?

1. **APPLICATION**
   - Customer fills in the application form on the OEKO-TEX® website

2. **ASSESSMENT**
   - Customer is proceeding with the online assessment tool

3. **ANALYSIS OF ASSESSMENT**
   - OEKO-TEX® institute evaluates the customer’s assessment

4. **ON-SITE AUDIT**
   - On-site verification of the data by STeP auditor

5. **EVALUATION**
   - Corrective measures and support from STeP auditor

6. **CERTIFICATE & FINAL REPORT**
   - OEKO-TEX® creates a detailed final report and certificate
   - Certificate valid for 3 years