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ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® test criteria: New regulations in 2020

At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX® Association as usual updated the applicable test criteria and limit values for product certification in accordance with ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX®. The following new regulations come into effect on April 1, 2020 for all certifications, after a three-month transition period:

- **Renaming STAGES I-III**

The OEKO-TEX® Association no longer uses numbering and just calls the different STAGES CAS Number Screening, Analytical Verification, Self-Assessment and On-Site Visit.

- **Self-Assessment**

The ECO PASSPORT multi-stage certification system is designed for manufacturers of process chemicals and chemical compounds. Especially when sourcing suitable raw materials, the label provides transparent evidence of which articles meet the criteria for ecologically responsible textile and leather production. The OEKO-TEX® Association is currently working on a restructuring of its ECO PASSPORT certification process in order to be able to offer its customers optimum and forward-looking services in the future as well. Until now it was possible for applicants to decide between a standard ECO PASSPORT (CAS-Number Screening and Analytical Verification) and an ECO PASSPORT with additional Self-Assessment and On-Site Visit. As of April 1st 2020 it will be possible to apply for an ECO PASSPORT with Self-Assessment but without the On-Site Visit. LEVEL 2 compliance with the ZDHC MRSL by means of the Self-Assessment and successful compliance with all specifications can thereby be achieved - without having to visit the customer's premises.

Tightening of threshold values (ANNEX 4)

- **Cobalt:** The threshold of cobalt is changed **from 500 mg/kg to 200 mg/kg**
- **Manganese:** The threshold of manganese is changed **from 1000 mg/kg to 500 mg/kg**
- **Cr(VI):** The threshold of Cr(VI) is changed **from 5 mg/kg to 3 mg/kg**
- **TCEP:** The threshold of TCEP is changed **from 100 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg**
- **Benzene:** The threshold of benzene is changed **from 50 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg**
- **Phenol:** The threshold of phenol is changed **from 500 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg**
- **PFOA:** The threshold of PFOA is changed **from 0.25 mg/kg to 0.025 mg/kg**
- **Bisphenol A:** The threshold of bisphenol A is changed **from 250 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg**

New substances with threshold values (added to ANNEX 4 and 6)

- **Triclosan (CAS 3380-34-5):** threshold value of **250 mg/kg**
- **Dibromopropylether (CAS 21850-44-2) or TBBA-(2,3-dibromo-propyl-ether):** threshold value of **50 mg/kg**
- **Tris-(2-chloro-1-methylethyl)phosphate (TCPP; CAS 13674-84-5):** threshold value of **50 mg/kg**
- **Tetraoctyltin compounds (TeOT; CAS 3590-84-9):** threshold value of **1 mg/kg**
- **Thiourea (CAS 62-56-6):** threshold value of **1000 mg/kg**
- **Permethrin (various CAS):** threshold value of **250 mg/kg**
- **AEEA [2-(2-aminoethylamino)ethanol] (CAS 111-41-1):** threshold value of **100 mg/kg**

New substance additions or clarifications to the criteria catalogues (ANNEX 6)

- **Pesticides:**
CAS 115-29-7: Endosulfan
- **Flame retardants:**
CAS 1332-07-6: borate, zinc salt
CAS 12767-90-7: borate, zinc salt
- **Chlorotoluenes:**
Addition of detailed list in ANNEX 6

New under observation

- **1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluorodecane sulfonate (8:2 FTS) and its salts** (CAS 39108-34-4 or Na with the CAS 27619-96-1): will be put as “under observation” in ANNEX 6

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After a three-month transition period, the new OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT test criteria and limit values will become binding for all certifications on April 1, 2020.