



OEKO-TEX & REACH

Q: What does **Standard 100** by OEKO-TEX mean?

A: Oeko-Tex textiles and fabrics are certified free of harmful chemicals and are safe for human use. Goods must meet the human-ecological requirements as set out by Standard 100 by Oeko-tex for products with direct contact to skin. To attain Oeko-Tex Standard 100 certification, the fabric has to be tested and certified to be free from harmful levels of more than 100 substances known to be harmful to human health.

Oeko-Tex certificates confirm the human-ecological safety of textile products from all stages of production (raw materials and fibres, yarns, fabrics, ready-to-use end products) along the textile value chain. Some also attest to socially and environmentally sound conditions in production facilities.

Q: What does **REACH** Compliance mean?

A: REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. The EU Commission have put in place regulations in regard to the usage of chemicals. REACH addresses the production and use of chemical substances, and their potential impacts on both human health and the environment. One of the major elements of the REACH regulation is the requirement to communicate information on chemicals up and down the supply chain. The EU published a list on SVHC (Substances of very high concern) and the use of these substances are regulated under the REACH regulation.

The Goals of REACH are as follows:

Product life cycle management | Product safety | Sustainable development | Risk communication

