



OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD: New regulations in 2023

At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX® Association as usual updates the applicable test criteria, limit values and requirements for its range of certifications and labels. The following new regulations for OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD come into effect on April 1 2023, after a three-month transition period:

Substance removed from under observation

Substance	CAS Number
C.I. Disperse Red 60	92-80-8, 12223-37-9, 17418-58-5

Additions to the limit value catalogue

Chemicals added to the catalogue from “Under observation” chemicals.

Pesticides:

Substance	CAS Number	Limit value
Dicofol	115-32-2	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg
Tolyfluanide	731-27-1	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg
Silafluofen	105024-66-6	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg
Carbendazim	10605-21-7	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg
Dichlorophene	97-23-4	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg
Chlorothalonil	1897-45-6	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg
DTTB	63405-99-2	0.5 ¹ /1 ² mg/kg

¹ For product class I

² For product classes II - IV



Various:

Substance	CAS Number	Limit value
2,5-Diaminotoluene / 2-methyl-p-phenyldiamine	615-50-9	20 mg/kg
4-Ethoxyaniline / p-phenetidine	156-43-4	20 mg/kg
3,3-Diaminobenzidin	91-95-2	20 mg/kg
2-MBT	149-30-4	1000 mg/kg
Solvent Yellow 34 / C.I. Basic Yellow 2	2465-27-2, 492-80-8	50 mg/kg

New SVHC

Substance	CAS Number	Limit value
Tris(2-methoxyethoxy)vinylsilane	1067-53-4	1000 mg/kg
6,6'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-methylenedi-p-cresol	119-47-1	1000 mg/kg
N-(hydroxymethyl)acrylamide	924-42-5	1000 mg/kg

Changes in limit values

SCCP & MCCP

- Sum limit value for SCCP & MCCP created with a limit value of 100 mg/kg
- Limit value for MCCP reduced to 100 mg/kg

PFAS changes

Updates from: COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1297 of 4 August 2021 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards perfluorocarboxylic acids containing 9 to 14 carbon atoms in the chain (C9-C14 PFCAs), their salts and C9-C14 PFCA-related substances.

Substance	Limit value
PFNA, PFDA, PFUdA, PFDaA, PFTrA, PFTeDA and further PFCA each and sum	25 µg/kg
PFSA	250µg/kg



Partly fluorinated carboxylic and sulfonic acids	250µg/kg
Partly fluorinated linear alcohols	250µg/kg
Esters of fluorinated alcohols with acrylic acid	250µg/kg
Sum of partly fluorinated compounds	250µg/kg
PFOA related substances	250µg/kg

Total organic fluorine content from perfluorinated compounds

- General ban of intentional use of PFCs/PFAS in STANDARD 100 (Annex 4-7), LEATHER STANDARD and ECO PASSPORT starting 2023.
- Start with 10 mg/kg limit value with a 1-year transition period for product categories II to IV. No transition period for product class I.
- PPE will get an exception of the total organic fluorine content.

New under observation

The following substances will be put as “under observation”

Substance	CAS Number
Drometrizole	2440-22-0
N-ethyl-2-pyrrolidone	2687-91-4

Chamois leather

A footnote was added to the OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD to allow an exception in the pH range for chamois leather. The new accepted pH range for chamois leather is 3.5 - 10.

Leather Origin

Changes were made in the standard and the application form.

Standard:

In the part “applicability”, following paragraphs were added:

“The origin of the processed hide or skin is expected to be known and the source shall be in accordance to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora) and other legal requirements.

An implemented traceability system and risk analysis is highly recommended to control and monitor the possible involvement of farms and hide or skin suppliers in any way of deforestation to exclude the risk



of hide and skins coming from areas of both legal and illegal deforestation. Especially for hide and skins with the origin of Brazil and Paraguay a strict traceability system is highly recommended to exclude any involvement of deforestation in the Amazon Biome.

Physical marking and a reliable data system is recommended to be implemented in the production process to ensure traceability for unprocessed or incoming leather material at least back to the slaughterhouse group, region or country by targeting full transparency back to the farm.”

Application form:

3 new questions were added:

1. Please indicate the country of origin of your hide, skin or leather material you are applying for.
 - a. Country: _____
 - b. n/a
2. Do you consider in your purchasing practice that your un-/processed hide or skin is coming from species-appropriate husbandry and animal welfare considered animal farming/ facilities?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Partially (please specify)
 - c. No
3. Is a risk analysis in regard of legal and illegal deforestation, to avoid leather material coming from such areas, implemented or considered in your purchasing practice?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Only for leather material from countries with high risk of deforestation (e.g. Brazil, Paraguay)
 - c. No (please specify)

For more information on the new OEKO-TEX® test criteria, please contact OEKO-TEX® (info@oeko-tex.com) or your local OEKO-TEX® Institute (www.oeko-tex.com/institute).



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After a three-month transition period, the new OEKO-TEX® LEATHER STANDARD test criteria and limit values will become binding for all certifications on April 1, 2023.