# The BHive® for STeP – Overview for STeP customers

## Cooperation Status
The BHive® is officially accepted as chemical management tool for the STeP certification process and can be used to complete complete the requirements in the Chemical Management Module – Inventory of chemicals (focus STeP IDs 1229 and 151).

## What is The BHive®?
The BHive is a chemical management tool that allows you to easily create your chemical inventory, add all the information required in the STeP process, and helps you check if you reach the STeP requirements.
You can also use The BHive to fulfill other brand customer requirements – to learn more about this, please contact step@thebhive.net. STeP auditors can use The BHive Auditor platform to check if their customers have uploaded all the data and are fulfilling STeP requirements.
More general information is available on https://www.thebhive.net/.

## Costs
You can use The BHive **free of cost** in the scope of the STeP process.
Please note that in case you would like to use The BHive to share data with any of your customers, there will be additional costs. Please contact step@thebhive.net for more information on this.

## How to get started?
You will find the **training material guidelines** on how to use The BHive for STeP, including our **training video recording under the button on the right**

**Click here** for The BHive for STeP Customer Guideline

## First steps:
1. **SIGN UP**: please use the sign up link in **the invitation letter provided by your STeP institute**.
2. **CONNECT** to your STeP institute & OEKO-TEX®: if you sign up through link in your invitation letter, you will automatically be connected to your STeP Institute and OEKO-TEX®.
3. **UPLOAD your first Chemical inventory list**: you can use either
   a. The BHive Mobile App
      i. Download:

      Download the App for Android and iOS.

      App download for factories located in China

      ii. See slides 22-25 in training guideline

   b. Excel Upload function
      i. See Slides 28-33 in training guideline

## Support
We have **on-platform vide tutorials** which you can find under the blue lightbulb icons in your BHive account
In case you need any support with the onboarding process, please do not hesitate to contact us via step@thebhive.net.