



**RESPONSIBLE  
BUSINESS**

# Declaration of Conformity

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## OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

The prerequisite for the issuance of an OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certificate is a self-assessment from the applicant, the submission of the following declaration of conformity, as well as the initial audit.

This declaration of conformity declares compliance with the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard and all criteria set out within in order to be certified to this standard.

Company name:

Company address:

Company VAT number:

hereinafter the 'Applicant' hereby declares the following:

For authorization to use the mark OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS I,  
(firstname, surname) declare conformity to the following points as authorized person on behalf of the Applicant<sup>1</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> Authorization by board of directors shall be submitted as an appendix to this declaration of conformity.



# 1. Purpose of the Declaration of Conformity

The purpose of this Declaration of Conformity is to provide assurance that the subject matter of the declaration conforms to the specified requirements to which the declaration is subject and to clearly state who is responsible for the conformity and declaration.

# 2. Subject matter of the Declaration of Conformity

This Declaration of Conformity is issued for the management processes of the Applicant. The Applicant declares that the due diligence requirements of the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard are fulfilled and that they have been realized to the point in the supply chain, as stated in the self-assessment.

The Applicant agrees that the due diligence criteria as checked and certified by the chosen institute are according to the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard as well as limited to the textile and leather supply chain. Therefore, conformity with the standard is only given for these two sectors (textile and leather).

# 3. Self-assessment

In the self-assessment, the Applicant has described their due diligence process in general, their responsible business policy, their risk assessment, their appropriate actions, their monitoring system, their communication, and their access to remedy. If the Applicant also fulfills climate related strategies, these are described as well.

With this Declaration of Conformity, the applicant confirms that all information for the certification procedure has been provided correctly and truthfully and that the certifying company complies with all requirements of the standard and that its future compliance is ensured by quality assurance of the company itself.

Furthermore, the Applicant declares their own responsibility, that the conditions and criteria of the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard are known to the Applicant and that the Applicant allocates enough resources to guarantee that the conditions and criteria of the standard can be upheld during the validity of the certificate.

The Applicant agrees that, if incomplete, incorrect, or untruthful information was given, the certificate can be withdrawn immediately according to the OEKO-TEX® Terms of Use.



## 4. Audits

In order to assure quality of the companies participating worldwide in the certification system according to OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, the OEKO-TEX® Institute carries out audits at the Applicant company as an obligatory component of certification. The company monitoring takes place shortly before the certificate is issued and is repeated every year. If the audit is not passed, a certificate already issued can be withdrawn according to the OEKO-TEX® Terms of Use which are an integral part of the contract between the Applicant and the OEKO-TEX® Institute.

During an audit, all internal company processes are checked, which can provide indications of compliance with OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS. As part of the audit of internal company processes, it is checked how the due diligence requirements have been integrated into the company management system and how the due diligence requirements have been fulfilled in the supply chain according to the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard. All elements of the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard as well as the indicators in the self-assessment will be checked.

The auditors are also required to describe in detail in the audit report which parts of a business enterprise were inspected, and which processes were checked and what overall conditions were found. If necessary, recommendations are to be made by the auditors.

The Applicant must grant the auditors access for unannounced audits and allow them to carry out an audit at any time. Reference is made to section 6.3. on audits in the OEKO-TEX® Terms of Use.

The costs of the audits are charged to the Applicant.

With this signed Declaration of Conformity, the Applicant agrees that the OEKO-TEX® Institute may carry out audits according to the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard during the term of the certificate in order to check compliance with the required conditions and criteria.

## 5. Legal Relationship

With this signed Declaration of Conformity, the Applicant agrees that the OEKO-TEX® Terms of Use and section 6 of the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard are an integral part of the contractual relationship between the Applicant and the OEKO-TEX® testing institute.



## 6. Usage of the OEKO-TEX® Marks

With this signed Declaration of Conformity, the Applicant agrees to comply with the labelling rules according to the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS standard, the OEKO-TEX® Terms of Use and the OEKO-TEX® Labelling Guide<sup>2</sup>.

The Applicant also agrees that the duration to use the authorized OEKO-TEX® marks and labels is limited to the validity of the respective certificate.

## 7. Duration of the Declaration of Conformity

This Declaration of Conformity is limited to the duration of the certificate. If the certificate is renewed, a new Declaration of Conformity must be submitted to the respective OEKO-TEX® Institute.

## 8. Responsible OEKO-TEX® Institute

Institute name:

Postal address institute:

Name of the auditor:

<sup>2</sup> The labelling guide will be updated in 2023 to include OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS.



## 9. Audit Report (may be filled in by the institute after the audit)

This Declaration of Conformity refers to the Audit Report:

The report was issued on:

I,  
for this declaration:

confirm that the Applicant is fully responsible

Date:

Signature: