# Ensuring due diligence



# Responsibility in global business operations

A certified company looks beyond its own operations and considers human rights and environmental standards in global supply chains.

A company awarded this management process certification is dedicated to practising due diligence, protecting both human rights and the environment.

The OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certification assesses the extent to which due diligence in relation to human rights and environmental criteria is implemented in the company and its supply chains.

OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS is designed for brands, brand groups, retailers and traders.



Human rights due diligence in global textile & leather value chains



Environmental due diligence in global textile & leather value chains

## What advantages does OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS offer?

#### ✓ Trust:

Benefit from a trusted and known brand with over 30 years market experience.

#### ✓ Quality assurance:

Each certified company is checked and audited according to strict criteria. The certification is valid for 3 years and will be validated by annual compliance audits.

### Expertise:

OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS supports you in adressing your responsibility towards authorities.

#### Modular structure:

OEKO-TEX<sup>®</sup> RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS is structured in two consecutive modules:

- An initial self-assessment
- and an optional second step that includes the certification process

### ✓ Business opportunities:

With an OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certification, you document your commitment to human rights and environmental due diligence and can communicate your commitment to your partners and customers.

## Status evaluation:

The self-assessment allows you to evaluate the status of due diligence implemented in your company.

## **RESPONIBLE BUSINESS:** The elements

**OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certifies the due diligence** management processes of a company and assesses to which extent due diligence obligations with regard to human rights and environmental criteria are implemented in the company and in its supply chains.

The following due diligence elements are the subject of evaluation:



Continuous monitoring

## OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS: Modular system

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## 1. Self-assessment

Possible as standalone tool

- Evaluate the status quo of implemented human rights and environmental due diligence in your own company and in your supply chains
- By completing the questionnaire and uploading documents
- Receive an unverified report
- Identify areas for improvement

No external communication allowed

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## 2. Certification

- Fulfil the self-assessment process
- Audit: to evaluate and validate the information given through the self-assessment
- Certificate and verified report

External communication is possible



## Get certified



**1. Application** Application form on OEKO-TEX® website



#### **4. On-site audit** RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS auditor verifies the data as provided during an on-site visit



**2. Self-assessment** Complete the self-assessment

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## 5. Certificate & final report

After successful completion, a final report and certificate will be issued



**3. Analysis and evaluation** Evaluation by OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS auditors

## Official OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS labels can include the following elements:



## **Questions?**

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