

OEKO-TEX®

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

What is OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS?

OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS is a global standard for business enterprises such as Brands, Brand Groups, Retailers and Traders in the textile and leather industries. The tool helps to achieve compliance with various "Due Diligence" Legislations (e.g. the German Supply Chain Law).



Overview

OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS comprises the evaluation of seven elements. Six of these holistically cover due diligence requirements. The seventh element covers climate aspects and is optional.

Elements of evaluation

1. Business policy
2. Risk analysis
3. Integration of appropriate actions
4. Continuous monitoring
5. Transparent communication
6. Complaint mechanism
7. Climate



Output & Benefits

UNDERSTAND: Business enterprises conduct a self-assessment. They are then assessed regarding the systematic implementation of due diligence obligations.

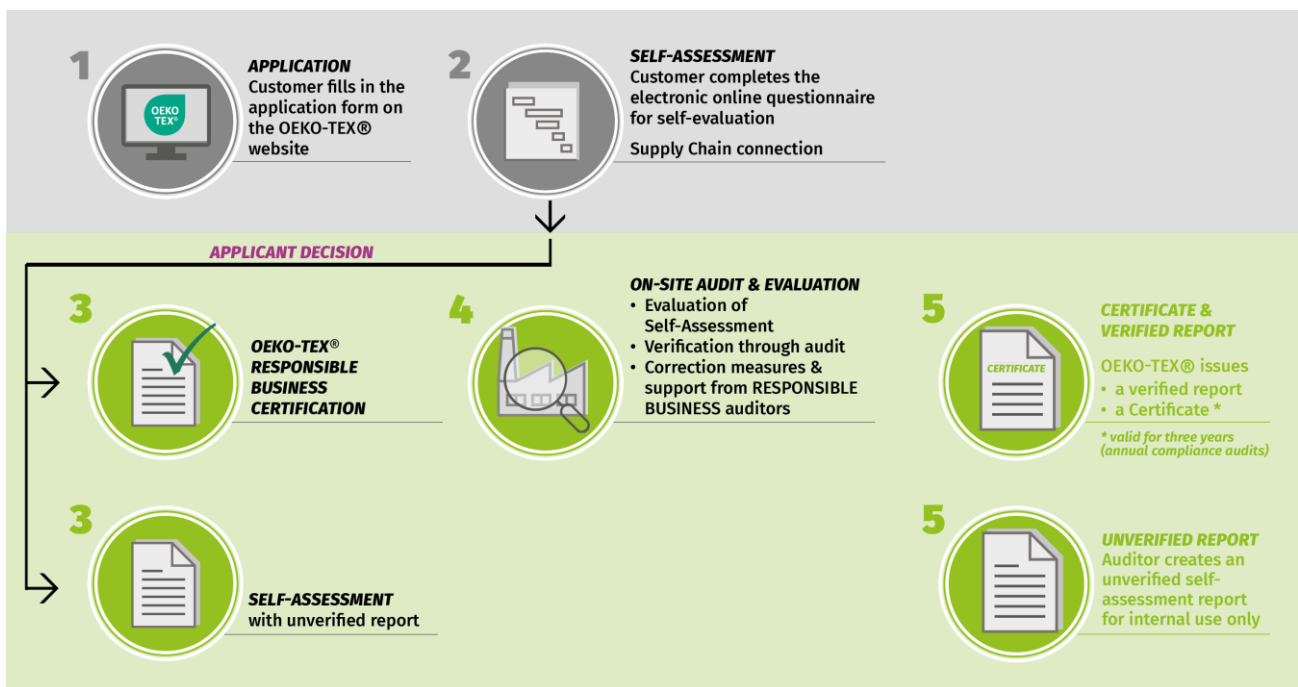
ACT: Business enterprises can improve their performance thanks to identified gaps. The OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS level system provides a performance ranking.

CERTIFICATE: Certification verified by Hohenstein as a third party in addition to OEKO-TEX®.

REPORT: Report issued by Hohenstein as a third party in addition to OEKO-TEX®. If in combination with a certification, the report is verified and can be used for internal as well as external communication.

COMMUNICATION: If certified, business enterprises are able to publicly promote their ambitions in the implementation of due diligence obligations.

Process Description



Validity & Audit Cycle

- The certificate is valid for 3 years
- Compliance audits must be performed on an annual basis

Supporting OEKO-TEX® Services

- Supply chain mapping via the myOEKO-TEX® platform
- OEKO-TEX® STeP covers all relevant human rights and environmental requirements. STeP certified production facilities in the supply chain can be easily evaluated in terms of compliance as well as continuously monitored through the respective STeP reports.
- Certified companies are listed in the publicly accessible OEKO-TEX® Buying Guide as a marketing and/or sourcing tool