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OEKO certificates refer to certifications issued by **OEKO-TEX**, an independent international testing and certification system for textiles and leather products. Here's a breakdown:

What They Are

OEKO-TEX certifications verify that textile products — from raw fibers to finished goods — have been tested for harmful substances and/or produced under environmentally and socially responsible conditions. The certifications are issued by the OEKO-TEX Association, a Swiss-based organization founded in 1992.

Main OEKO-TEX Certifications

STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX — The most widely recognized. Every component of a textile product (fabric, thread, buttons, zippers, dyes) is tested against a list of 100+ harmful substances, including pesticides, heavy metals, formaldehyde, and allergens. A label means the finished product is harmless to human health.

OEKO-TEX MADE IN GREEN — Covers both product safety *and* sustainable production. It verifies the item was made in environmentally friendly facilities under socially responsible working conditions.

OEKO-TEX STeP (Sustainable Textile & Leather Production) — Certifies manufacturing facilities rather than products, covering environmental performance, chemical management, and social responsibility.

OEKO-TEX LEATHER STANDARD — The equivalent of STANDARD 100 but for leather goods, testing for harmful substances throughout the production chain.

OEKO-TEX ECO PASSPORT — Certifies the chemical inputs used in textile production (dyes, finishing agents), ensuring they meet strict safety standards before they even touch the fabric.

Why They Matter

- They give consumers confidence that clothing, bedding, and other textiles are free of harmful chemicals.
- They're particularly relevant for sensitive products like baby clothing, bedding, and items worn close to the skin.



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- Brands use them to demonstrate sustainability and safety commitments.
- The certifications are recognized in over 100 countries and are audited annually.

Who Issues Them

OEKO-TEX works through a network of 18 independent institutes worldwide. Companies apply for certification, submit products or facilities for testing, and must renew annually to maintain the label.

In short, an OEKO-TEX certificate is a credible, internationally recognized signal that a textile product or production process meets rigorous human health and/or environmental standards.