



## OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT: New regulations in 2025

At the start of the year, the OEKO-TEX® Association as usual updates the applicable test criteria, limit values and requirements for its range of certifications and labels. The changes in limit values can be found in a separate document. The following new regulations for OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, after a three-month transition period:

### Commodity & Maintenance Chemicals

Up until now, ECO PASSPORT has mainly certified specialty chemicals, formulated for specific textile applications. As of 2025 OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT will expand its scope to include commodity and maintenance chemicals. Commodity chemicals are basic chemicals that are produced in large volumes and used in many different applications, usually at the start of any supply chain. This will allow us to cover a broader segment of the textile supply chain, enabling the monitoring of a wider range of chemicals that are used in textile production.

By adding these additional product groups, OEKO-TEX® aims to phase out harmful substances earlier and ensure the safety of workers while prioritizing environmental protection.

Commodity chemicals from second life origin will undergo testing more often to ensure its quality.

### Biodegradability

ECO PASSPORT certificate owners now have the chance to show if their chemical products are biodegradable, which will be shown on the certificate. OEKO-TEX® believes that biodegradability is an important part of a sustainable textile & leather industry and the further upstream it can be utilized, the better.

ECO PASSPORT certified chemicals that are used as surfactants, softeners and/or complexing agents must provide this proof of biodegradability, either by one of the OEKO-TEX® institutes or by a verified 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Already certified products from the named applications have a one-year transition-period to adapt.



## Environmental H-Phrases

The intentional use of chemicals that are classified with certain H-Phrases (H340, H341, H350, H351, H360, H361) are forbidden under ECO PASSPORT. Up until now these restrictions have mainly focused on human toxicity. Taking this a step further OEKO-TEX® will be taking a closer look at chemicals classified with selected environmental H-Phrases, gaining information about their applications, general use and possible alternatives.

For this reason, the following H-Phrases have been put under observation:

Code	Phrase
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
H413	May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life
H420	Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere

For more information on the new OEKO-TEX® test criteria, please contact OEKO-TEX® ([info@oeko-tex.com](mailto:info@oeko-tex.com)) or your local OEKO-TEX® institute ([www.oeko-tex.com/offices](http://www.oeko-tex.com/offices)).



After a three-month transition period, the new OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT test criteria and limit values will become binding for all certifications on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.