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## OEKO-TEX® ECO PASSPORT: New regulations 2026

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 June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, after a three-month transition period:

### Biodegradability now in force

As of June 2026, ECO PASSPORT certified chemicals that are used as surfactants, water softeners and/or complexing agents must provide this proof of biodegradability, either by one of the OEKO-TEX® institutes or by a verified 3rd party. ECHA listings of biodegradability can also be accepted as proof for the substances present in the products.

New: Self-declarations for biodegradability will be accepted, however if no 3rd party proof is provided, “biodegradability” will not be mentioned on the certificate.

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 June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.