Oeko-Tex® Certification Complies with New York State Ban on TRIS in Children’s Products

Greensboro, NC—August 31, 2011— New York Governor Andrew Cuomo recently signed into law (A6195-2011) new legislation that will ban the sale of children’s products that are treated with the flame retardant chemical, tris (2,3,-dibromopropyl) phosphate, commonly known as TRIS. The suspected carcinogen was banned nationally in children’s clothing by the Consumer Product Safety Commission’s (CPSC) in 1977. The New York law will extend the children’s clothing ban to all children’s products sold in the state including items such as toys, strollers, crib mattresses, nursing pillows, and car seats. The ban will apply to any products sold after December 1, 2013.

Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 certified textile products are already in compliance with the 2013 New York ban on TRIS. Because TRIS has been banned in Europe for many years, the chemical is excluded from Oeko-Tex’s global list of acceptable active chemical products so only textile products that are TRIS-free can receive certification. This is true not only for Oeko-Tex® Class I product certification for textiles intended for use by babies and toddlers but also for Classes II-IV certifications for all other textile products. Plus, Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 certification has been recognized as an indicator that products are in compliance with the CPSC’s national Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) for reducing lead and eliminating phthalates in children’s products.

“New York State is taking an important stance on protecting our children from potentially harmful substances,” says Dr. Sam Moore who represents Oeko-Tex® in North America. “Manufacturers and retailers of Oeko-Tex® certified children’s textiles can be assured that their products already exceed New York’s safety measures as well as similar legislative actions expected from other states.”

Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 certification indicates that textile products have been tested and are free from harmful levels of more than 100 substances that are potentially dangerous to human health such as heavy metals, carcinogens, and pesticides. The certification is recognized globally and adheres to the most stringent textile safety regulations in effect in markets around the world. For more about Oeko-Tex® global textile certifications, visit www.Oeko-Tex.com.
About OEKO-TEX®
With 25 years of experience, OEKO-TEX® leads the world in empowering and enabling consumers and companies to protect our planet by making responsible decisions. OEKO-TEX® provides standardised solutions which optimise customers’ manufacturing processes and help deliver high quality, more sustainable products. All of the products within the OEKO-TEX® portfolio are used to strengthen our customers’ systems, processes or products and, ultimately, they help create more sustainable companies. To date, 10,000 manufacturers, brands, and retailers in almost 100 countries are working with OEKO-TEX® to ensure that their products are tested for potentially harmful substances and millions of consumers around the world look for OEKO-TEX® labels before making buying decisions. OEKO-TEX® certified products and suppliers can be located in the OEKO-TEX® Online Buying Guide at www.oeko-tex.com/products. Connect with OEKO-TEX® on Facebook, on LinkedIn, and on Twitter.