

## Sorona® Celebrates 5th Year of OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 Certification

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Zürich (July 27, 2016)—The OEKO-TEX® Association congratulates DuPont on the fifth year of OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certification for DuPont™ Sorona®, the renewably sourced fiber used in apparel, home textiles, and residential, commercial, and automotive carpets. Based on 37% renewable ingredients, Sorona® fiber earned the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certification indicating that it has been tested to be free from harmful levels of more than 300 potentially dangerous substances. OEKO-TEX® granted Sorona® a Class 1 certification signifying that it meets the most stringent limit levels OEKO-TEX® requires for products intended for use by infants and toddlers age three and younger.

“The independent, voluntary OEKO-TEX® certification is an important part of the complete Sorona® sustainability story,” says Renee Henze Marketing Leader, at DuPont Biomaterials. “We created Sorona® to be a high performance fiber that is better for the environment but, to be truly sustainable, Sorona® also must not contain substances harmful to the consumer. The OEKO-TEX® testing and certification process confirms this.”

OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certified products are tested for concerning substances such as pesticides, heavy metals like lead and mercury, formaldehyde, carcinogenic dyes, residual surfactants, and a long list of other chemicals that can have harmful effects on people as well as on the environment. The certification requires annual renewal and OEKO-TEX® conducts site visits and retail audits to help certificate holders maintain the standard's requirements. Sorona's OEKO-TEX® certification also means that the fiber can be used in other OEKO-TEX® certified textile and apparel products without concern.

“Long time certificate holders like DuPont™ Sorona® are leaders in the textile industry's ongoing efforts to operate more sustainably across the global supply chain,” says Ben Mead who represents OEKO-TEX® in North America. “We look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.”

DuPont™ Sorona® is an Outdoor Industry Association member and will be available at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market in Salt Lake City August 3-6 in Booth 155-301. Contact Lirys Crawford at [LIRYS.CULLINAN.CRAWFORD@dupont.com](mailto:LIRYS.CULLINAN.CRAWFORD@dupont.com) to make an appointment.

OEKO-TEX® will also be attending Outdoor Retailer Summer Market and in Booth 62026. Email Malinda Salter at [M.Salter@hohenstein.com](mailto:M.Salter@hohenstein.com) for appointments.

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