

# Factsheet

## RECYCLED MATERIALS IN STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®

### CERTIFICATION OF RECYCLED MATERIALS

Recycled materials are difficult to certify. With their previous life, recycled materials are posing different challenges than regular virgin material. Therefore within the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® framework these materials are treated differently.

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

For the certification of recycled materials with STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® different rules apply as for regular materials. If recycled is mentioned in the article scope the following basic rules apply.

1. At least 20% of the main textile material needs to be recycled
2. More information about the source of the materials is requested in the application
3. An effective quality management system needs to be proven. This is needed to ensure a consistent product quality
4. The testing program can differ compared to virgin material. While there is no chemical test whether a material is recycled or not, the varying source can lead to a higher testing frequency
5. A separate certificate from virgin materials is needed
6. Blends with virgin material are allowed when they are necessary for the manufacturing of the material

### THE COMPELLING BENEFITS

- You are able to show your supply chain that you are offering recycled materials – and that they are tested for harmful substances according to STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®.
- A hangtag informs consumers about recycling in the sense of a circular economy.

### YOUR PATH TO RECYCLED MATERIALS CERTIFIED WITH STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®

Fill out the application form ([www.oeko-tex.com](http://www.oeko-tex.com)) and send it – together with the sample materials (if applicable) – to the OEKO-TEX® Institute of your choice.

The selected OEKO-TEX® Institute will contact you.