



# Factsheet

## OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

### Implementing due diligence - responsibility in global business operations

A certified OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS company looks beyond its own operations and ensures high standards throughout its global supply chain. A company that has been awarded this certification is committed to due diligence and protects both human rights and the environment.

### Product description

OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS enables a holistic consideration of due diligence measures into companies management systems and consists of seven elements:

- **Embedding** responsible business practices into companies' policy and management systems.
- **Mapping** supply chains and identification of risks in the companies supply chain followed by a prioritization.
- **Integration** of appropriate actions and measures to avoid potential risks and to remedy adverse impacts.
- **Monitoring** of set measures and adjustment where necessary.
- **Communication** to all stakeholders on the due diligence process, including the results of the risk analysis, complaints received and the measures taken to address potential and remedy actual adverse impacts.
- **Implementation** of a grievance mechanism.
- **Developing** strategies supporting the Paris Climate Agreement.

The evaluation for module 1-6 views the implementation of due diligence obligations into the supply chains based on three different levels:

- **Level 1:** Minimum implementation of due diligence obligations within the supply chain (own business operations, 100% direct suppliers), incl. transport & logistics until delivery to end customer.
- **Level 2:** Good implementation of due diligence obligations within the supply chain with further optimisation potential (Level 1 + indirect suppliers), incl. transport & logistics until delivery to end customer.
- **Level 3:** Best Practice implementation of due diligence obligations within the supply chain (Level 2 plus + deeper supply chain), incl. transport & logistics until delivery to end customer.

The assessment of module 7 evaluates the status of the development of a climate strategy in the company and its degree of implementation. The assessment of module 7 is voluntary and the certification of due diligence (modules 1-6) is not influenced by module 7.



## RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS is structured into two successive elements:  
An initial self-assessment tool and a certification process.

1. In a first step, answering a questionnaire enables companies to assess the status quo of their due diligence obligations.
2. In a second step and in order to communicate OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, the questionnaire is evaluated by an OEKO-TEX® testing institute and validated by an audit. After successful completion, a report, certificate and label are issued.
  - B2B communication: RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certifies the business processes with regard to the due diligence measures implemented. It enables companies to promote the certification with a label within their corporate communication.
  - B2G communication: The certification facilitates reporting to authorities.

### The compelling benefits

- With the independent certification, you demonstrate that you responsibly address human rights and environmental due diligence.
- Our experts can help you better understand the due diligence requirements so you can implement an effective management system for a responsible business.
- Certification can be used as part of your corporate communications and facilitates reporting to authorities.
- The RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certification conveys a high level of credibility and trust and provides you with targeted support on your way to greater due diligence.

### How to receive OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

1. Complete the application form as provided on the OEKO-TEX® website.
2. After receiving the access data of your responsible OEKO-TEX® institute, complete the self-assessment.
3. The Institute evaluates the information and documents submitted.
4. The Institute verifies the data obtained in the form of an on-site audit at the company.
5. The OEKO-TEX® Institute prepares a detailed audit report with a final evaluation and issues the OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certificate.

### Validity

The OEKO-TEX® RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS certificate is valid for 3 years.  
Compliance audits need to be performed on an annual basis.