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## TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark: A Cut Above the Rest

### A Mark Exclusively for Textiles

TÜV SÜD is proud to introduce a mark exclusive for the textile industry. Retailers and manufacturers are now able to demonstrate their commitment to excellence with a mark that tests safety for humans and the environment concerning the use of hazardous chemicals in textile products.

### Challenges in the Textile Industry

In the 21st century, textiles are no longer simple fabrics cut, dyed, and sewn to specification. Research shows that to produce a single textile, there can be over a dozen processes needed. The range of demands each season by consumers – textures, durability, performance, and colours – raises further challenges as some of the chemicals used for dyes and other treatments on textiles can be potentially harmful.

This has led to growing consumer concerns over the possible dangers of hazardous chemicals<sup>1</sup> and has prompted regulators to enact increasing legislations to restrict their usage. This presents the textile industry with more and more stringent regulations to meet, which also differ from country to country (for example REACH in the EU, CPSIA in the USA).

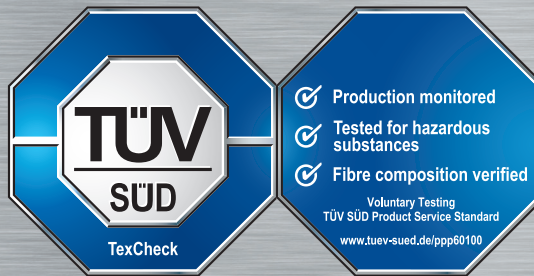
Non-compliance can result in product recalls, penalties from the authorities, loss of potential sales and profit. Worse, the ensuing negative publicity has implications for brand reputation and future success.

### About the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark

The Mark is awarded on completion of a comprehensive testing, factory and pre-shipment inspection program, which includes certain elements of social compliance, such as compliance to labour laws. The Mark is designed to address pertinent US regulations and EU directives regarding hazardous chemicals. The test parameters also includes most substances found on the RSLs (Restricted Substance List) of major retailers and the verification of fibre composition.

A universally recognised symbol of trust, it demonstrates that your textile products comply with international safety and environmental standards on the use of hazardous chemicals. Successful textile brands build their global reputations on continuously striving for such standards. This Mark is your next step towards that goal.

<sup>1</sup> Most of these are now placed under the REACH regulation Annex XVII and Annex XIV



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#### Advantages of the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark

- Provides assurance and confidence to consumers that product has been manufactured with critical consideration for quality and safety
- Demonstrates compliance to international standards
- Demonstrates awareness and sense of responsibility towards quality, environment and health
- Strengthens competitive capability and marketability of products
- Conduct evaluation and approval of testing and inspection reports
- Issue certificate
- Upon approval, the Mark will be released and can be attached to end products according to the enforced regulations

#### Validity of the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark

Use of the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark is supported by continual factory inspections (annual) and market surveillance to ensure that the products in the market continue to comply with the requirements of the Mark.

#### TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark allows you to

- Maintain and build brand reputation
- Minimise business risks and costs
- Ensure compliance to international safety and environmental standards concerning hazardous chemicals
- Gain international market access
- Meet customer expectations by delivering consistent quality with regards to material safety, durability and wearability

#### About TÜV SÜD

TÜV SÜD is a major international service group providing testing, inspection, auditing & certification, training and knowledge services. Represented in over 600 locations worldwide, TÜV SÜD holds accreditations for market access in Europe, Middle East/Africa, The Americas and Asia Pacific. TÜV SÜD is a one-stop solutions provider supporting customers secure fast and efficient global access.

#### The Certification Process in 7 easy steps

- Request for certification and preliminary evaluation
- Conduct factory inspection
- Conduct raw materials and product testing
- Conduct pre-shipment inspection

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