

Instructions on the selection of representative sample materials

1. General information

- The test samples submitted with the application for certification or renewal must always cover the entire article group, as the wording of the article grouping to be certified is based on this.
- An incomplete selection of samples may result in restrictions to the certified article group.
- Where dyestuffs, auxiliaries or reviving agents are used in different quantities, articles which use the highest quantity must always be selected (worst-case scenario).

2. Check list: Requirements for the selection of representative samples

Level of production	Specifications on the selection of the sample material	com- pleted	not relevant
Fibres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minimum 150 g per sample ▪ submit minimum of one sample per origin / source ▪ minimum one sample per grade of reviving agent ▪ for coloured fibres, see finishing ▪ submit samples of preliminary products with Oeko-Tex certification 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Yarns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minimum 150 g per sample ▪ submit minimum of one sample per origin / source ▪ minimum one sample per grade of reviving agent ▪ for coloured yarns, see finishing 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Textile fabrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minimum 1.5 linear metres per sample ▪ all types of yarns and fibres not already certified by preliminary suppliers must be included ▪ all treatments (sizes, preparations etc.) must be included ▪ all types of bonding process for non-wovens must be included ▪ for coloured fabrics, see finishing 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Finishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ all pre-treatment processes must be included ▪ all dye classes and dyestuffs must be included ▪ all coloration processes (dyeing, printing) must be included ▪ all types of finishing process must be included ▪ minimum quantities: >> fibres / yarns / tapes etc. = 150 g per sample >> fabrics = 1.5 linear metres per sample ▪ all dyestuffs used must be represented by the samples ▪ dyestuffs in maximum concentration used ▪ for printing: one block print per dyestuff, five samples from current production for each printing process used 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minimum quantities for metallic accessories: 50 g per type and galvanised surface / colour ▪ minimum quantities for non-metallic accessories: 50 g per type and colour ▪ for dyeing, see finishing 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Ready-made products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ manufactured articles as described in the application ▪ supplementary certificates for already certified materials ▪ minimum quantities for samples of materials without certification: >> fibres / yarns = 150 g per sample >> fabrics = 1.5 linear metres per sample >> accessories = 50 g per accessory / surface / colour ▪ sample sizes for large-area or high-volume articles: >> mattress parts / foams = 2 pieces, 25 x 20 x maximum thickness in cm >> other samples for emission chamber test = 2 pieces, 50 x 40 cm 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Retail (with certified materials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ copies of certificates for products sold ▪ material for random sample tests (see below for scale) 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Retail (without certified materials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minimum quantities: >> fibres / yarns = 150 g per sample >> fabrics = 1.5 linear metres per sample >> accessories = 50 g per accessory / surface / colour 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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When submitting samples of source materials which already have Oeko-Tex certification, the following scale applies to applicants at all levels of production:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Oeko-Tex certificates for source materials: 1-4 5-10 11-20 21-50 over 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of reference samples to be submitted: >> one sample for each certificate >> 5 samples from 5 different certificates >> 7 samples from 7 different certificates >> 10 samples from 10 different certificates >> 15 samples from 15 different certificates 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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