

OEKO-TEX® Responsible Business

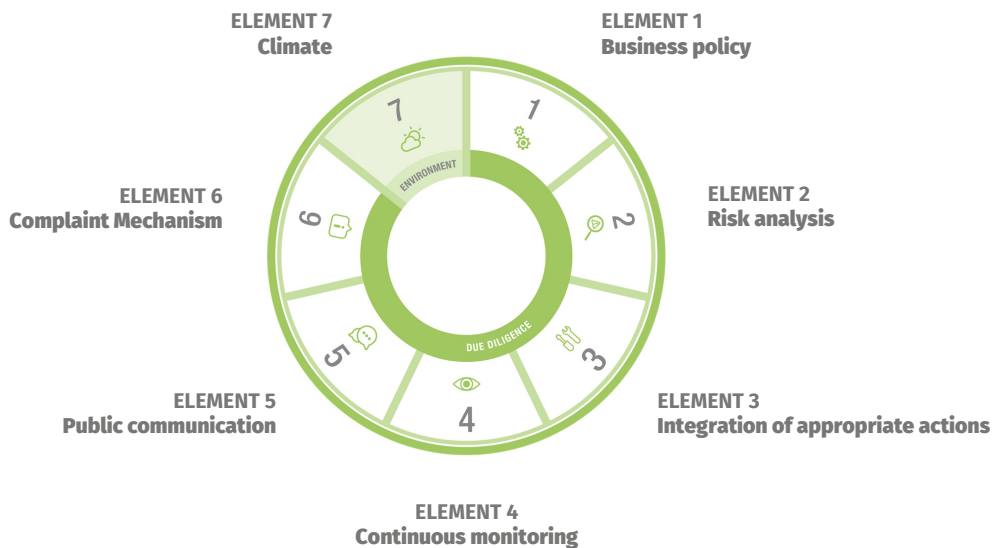


Objective

OEKO-TEX® Responsible Business is a global standard for business enterprises in the textile industry. The tool helps to achieve compliance with various "Due Diligence" Legislations (e.g. German Supply Chain Law).

Overview

OEKO-TEX® Responsible Business is structured in seven sections. Six sections holistically cover the due diligence requirements. Optional ELEMENT 7 covers climate aspects.



Output & Benefits

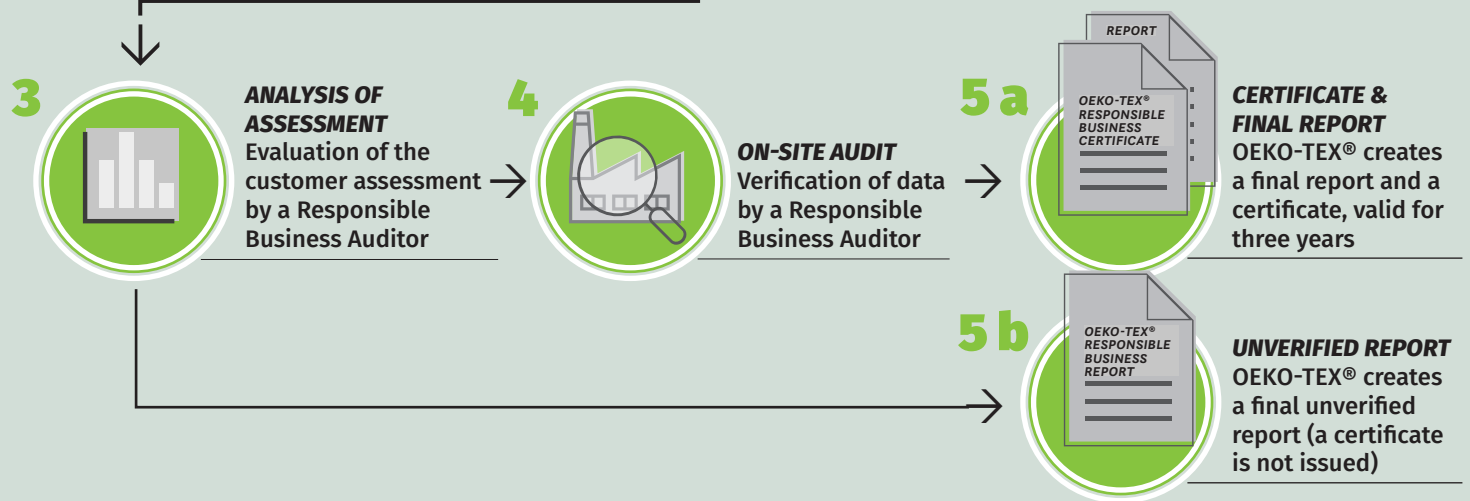
- **UNDERSTAND:** Business enterprises work with a self-assessment and get assessed regarding the systematic implementation of due diligence obligations.
- **ACT:** Business enterprises can improve their performance due to identified gaps and the OEKO-TEX® Responsible Business Level System.
- **CERTIFICATE:** Third party verified certificate through an OEKO-TEX® Institute.
- **REPORT:** Third party verified report by an OEKO-TEX® Institute for internal and external communication.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Business enterprises are able to publicly promote their ambitious implementation of the due diligence obligations.

Process Description

APPLICANT



OEKO-TEX®



Validity & Audit Cycle

- The certificate is valid for 3 years.
- A compliance audit has to be performed on an annual basis.

Supporting OEKO-TEX® Services

- Supply Chain Mapping via MyOEKO-TEX®.
- OEKO-TEX® STeP covers all relevant human rights and environmental requirements. Through the implementation within production facilities, the compliance can be verified and a continuous monitoring is being supported – either through the existence of a valid certificate or through a continuous improvement process using the OEKO-TEX® STeP scoring system.
- The OEKO-TEX® Responsible Business On-Site Audit can be combined with other OEKO-TEX® audits.
- Certified companies are listed in the publicly available OEKO-TEX® Buying Guide as a marketing and/or sourcing tool.