



made in Green[®]

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The globalisation of markets has had a special effect on manufactured products in general and since 1 January 2005, especially on household textiles, knitwear and clothing. The impact of China's entry into the World Trade Organisation has acted as a lively accelerator of the market globalisation processes and of trans-oceanic trade activity.

As frequently occurs with profound changes that take place at a rapid pace, situations of imbalance can occur with regard to some concepts and characterisation criteria of products and their conditions of manufacture, which are regulated by the legislation of countries in general and especially in western countries.

“made in Green” was launched because of this, as an ecological and social product certification promoted by AITEX, and an international sphere of reference. The purpose is recognition by the end user and by the textile production value chain on a worldwide level as the new green stamp of quality visually labelled on the product. “made in Green” is based and founded on the following three pillars.



Product: Absence of substances in the textile product which could be harmful to health



Environment: Respect for the environment at the production centres where the product is manufactured



Social criteria: respect of human rights and the universal right of workers in accordance with the International Labour Organisation at the product centres where the product is made.

The object of “made in Green” is to ensure that commercial activity brings with it globalisation of the three aspects listed above, to ensure that market competition will not lead to unfair competition for anyone but rather is fair and reasonable in the light of the concepts regulated by law in the western world.

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Oeko-Tex 100

Oeko-Tex 100 is product certification based on the Standard 100 that includes the criteria and limit values regarding substances that are toxic and harmful to health in textile products.

Oeko-Tex 100 has more than 6,000 companies around the world that have their products certified in accordance with this Standard, and has research groups at a European level that specialise in the toxicology on textiles. These groups are continually working to improve and optimise Standard 100.

More information at www.oeko-tex.com



UNE-EN ISO 14001:2000 Environmental Management System

ISO logo

International Organisation for Standardisation.

This is an international standard that systematises the response of an organisation in the face of the environmental damage generated through their activities, allowing the prevention and correction of real and potential environmental impact.

EMAS – Environmental Management System

EMAS certifies that the company satisfies all of the requirements of 1836/93 EEC Regulations.

The European Union has recognised that the international standard for the EN ISO 14001 environmental standard may constitute a preliminary stage to the EMAS. The adoption of ISO 14001 as an element of the EMAS shall allow organisations to move from the ISO 14001 standard to EMAS without duplicating efforts. EMAS goes beyond ISO 14001 in some aspects, such as the provision of an Environmental Declaration.



Oeko-Tex 1000 – Environmental Management System

The Oeko-Tex 1000 certification guarantees that the company's production centres comply with the Oeko-Tex Standard 1000 and the environmental legislation that is in force.

More information at www.oeko-tex.com



Code of conduct in accordance with SA 8000 – Social Accountability International

This is the international standard for compliance with corporate social responsibility. SA 8000 sets out basic regulations for child labour, forced labour, health and safety, the free dome of association and the right to collective interchange, discrimination, disciplinary practices, working hours and pay.

In addition to the operational regulations, it includes a Social Management System (SMS) to ensure observance of the regulations and the sustained improvement in the social carrying out of these practices. The SMS of SA 8000 is based on the ISO 9001:2000/ 14001:2000 management system. This system includes a social policy, a planning process and the designation of a management representative with sufficient experience to ensure compliance with the SA 8000 requirements.

The requirements of this standard are based on recommendations from the International Labour Organisation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from the United Nations, the Children's Rights convention from the United Nations and other conventions.

SA8000 is applicable to all sectors within a global sphere.

