

# Samples

Selecting and Packing  
Representative Sample Materials



## Please Note

- All samples must be from current production runs and in new condition as they would be received by a customer.
- 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 that use the highest quantity must always be selected (worst-case scenario).

## Sample Packing Requirements

### Protect the samples to ensure accurate and reproducible test results.

- Test samples must be packed **individually** in tear resistant polyethylene film or polyethylene bags and sealed with adhesive tape, to avoid contamination during transport.
- The packed bags must be **properly labeled** for identification with sample numbers, material, supplier, receipts, etc.
- Packing test samples solely in cardboard boxes and/or paper is strictly prohibited.
- Whether shipping from separate locations, direct from suppliers or in one box, please ensure all samples are clearly and correctly labeled so that they can be matched with your application.

## Shipping Address

Please send original/completed/signed documents, relevant supplier certificates and samples to the attention of Abby Mead in our U.S. office.

### Hohenstein Institute America

Attn: Abby Mead  
401 S. Cavin Street  
Ligonier, IN 46767

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## Fully Pre-certified Products

The entire product has been OEKO-TEX® certified (relabeling).

### Submit:

- Copy of the OEKO-TEX® certificate for each pre-certified product
- Samples of pre-certified products per chart below

Number of OEKO-TEX® supplier certificates	Number of complete products to submit, with copy of certificate (Send only finished products, not individual components)
1-4	1 product for each certificate
5-10	5 products - each representing a different certificate
11-20	7 products - each representing a different certificate
21-50	10 products - each representing a different certificate
over 50	15 products - each representing a different certificate

## Products with Pre-certified Inputs

At least one input, but not the entire product, has been OEKO-TEX® certified.

### Submit:

- One finished product
- Copies of all OEKO-TEX® certificates for all pre-certified inputs
- Samples of pre-certified inputs per chart below
- Samples of each preliminary input without certification (see page 3)

Number of OEKO-TEX® supplier certificates (pre-certified inputs)	Number of pre-certified input samples representing different certificates to submit with copy of certificate
1-4	1 input sample for each certificate
5-10	5 input samples - each representing a different certificate
11-20	7 input samples - each representing a different certificate
21-50	10 input samples - each representing a different certificate
over 50	15 input samples - each representing a different certificate

## Products with NO pre-certified inputs

### Submit:

- One finished product
- Samples of each preliminary input (see page 3)

## Sample Sizes

### **Fibers, Yarns, Fabrics, Leathers, Accessories**

- Minimum 150 g per material composition
- Minimum of one sample per supplier/origin
- All types of bonding process for non-wovens
- Representation of all colors and treatments plus all finishing and coloration processes (see explanation on below)

### **Large articles (mattresses, foam, etc.)**

- Mattress parts/foams = 2 pieces, 25 cm x 20 cm x maximum thickness

## Treatments, Dyestuffs, Colors, Prints

### **Submit material samples including:**

- All types of pre-treatment, finishing and coloration processes
- All dye classes and dyestuffs evenly distributed in maximum concentration
- Samples in red, yellow, green, blue, black, white, orange and purple
- Max 5 dyestuffs per sample
- Samples in each fluorescent color to be tested separately
- **All printing dyestuffs in maximum concentration:**
  - Solid printed color swatch: 12" x 12" (30 x 30 cm)
  - One block print per dyestuff, five samples from current production for each printing process
- **Screenprints, heat transfer, sublimation, direct, etc**
  - 12" x 12" full coverage drawdowns of red, yellow, green, blue, black, white, orange and purple
  - Submit a collection of printed samples that will cover red, yellow, green, blue, black, white, orange and purple in pattern