

# Samples

## Selecting & Packing Representative Samples



### 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  
304 Sroufe Street  
Ligonier, IN 46767

Phone: 800.731.9468

## 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 next page)

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 next page)

## Sample Sizes

### Fibers, Yarns, Fabrics, Leathers

- 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 & treatments plus all finishing & coloration processes (see explanation on below)

### Accessories

- Minimum 150 g per material composition  
(Zipper example: 150 g of tape, 150 g of teeth, 150 g of coil, 150 g of slider with lacquer)

### 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 & coloration processes
- All dye classes & dyestuffs evenly distributed in maximum concentration
- Samples in red, yellow, green, blue, black, white, orange & 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 & purple
  - Submit a collection of printed samples that will cover red, yellow, green, blue, black, white, orange & purple in pattern

## Cotton

### If GMO testing is required or requested:

- Unprocessed, unbleached, undyed cotton - directly from the finishers
- If necessary, any retesting of processed cotton will be invoiced