



HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS FOR QUALITY, SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN TEXTILES, FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER PRODUCTS

The textile and footwear industry faces growing pressures across the value chain. Governments, consumers and stakeholders increasingly demand more than compliance – they expect products that are safe, ethically produced and designed with sustainability embedded at every stage. To succeed in today's competitive markets, companies must address challenges such as climate change, pollution, product safety and health risks, while meeting evolving regulations and complex supply chain requirements.

We help brands and retailers navigate these challenges with confidence. From raw materials to finished products, our expertise allows you to deliver style, fit, value, durability, ease of care and performance, all while achieving ambitious sustainability targets. By transforming regulatory requirements into opportunities for innovation, we empower you to create products that excel in the market and contribute to a more sustainable future.



TRUSTED SOLUTIONS FOR SOFTLINES

With an extensive global network of offices and state-of-the-art testing facilities, SGS is a trusted partner to leading brands and retailers across the textile and footwear industries.

Our deep industry expertise enables us to design customized service programs that align with your specific business goals, regulatory requirements, and sustainability commitments.

We service the broadest range of product categories including:

- Textiles and clothing
- Footwear and leather
- Bags and accessories
- Functional wear
- Home textiles
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)

TESTING and ASSESSMENT



We provide a full range of testing services for finished products, materials and/or components based on defined standards, regulations and your performance requirements:

- Chemical / Restricted Substances Testing (e.g. EU REACH, CA prop 65, US CPSIA, Chemical Screening, MRSL)
- Performance advancement (comfort and wellness assessment functional testing)
- Physical testing eg. pilling, colorfastness, fiber composition etc.
- Wastewater Testing: ZDHC and Detox programs
- Fiber composition and labelling
- Flammability
- Fiber fragmentation
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) testing

SUSTAINABILITY



Our global network of sustainability experts will support your company in its strategy by offering a range of services covering the environmental, safety and social aspects of sustainability:

- Better chemicals: bluesign, chemical solution, chemical management.
- Process sustainability: waste emission management, resource efficiency improvement
- Product Sustainability: preferred materials verification, durability, circularity, traceability, eco-design, Digital Product Passport
- Carbon solutions: decarbonization, LCA, PEF, PCF
- Best available practices: best practices implementation and improvement services

INSPECTION



Our inspection services ensure product compliance at every stage of production:

- Initial production check (IPC)
- During production check (DUPRO)
- Final random inspection (FRI)
- FOOTS+ and GOODS+
- Remote inspection
- Warehouse risk assessment

CERTIFICATION



We provide the textile and footwear industry with certification solutions against a variety of industry initiatives, national and international standards including:

- Textile exchange (GRS, RCS, OCS, RDS, RWS and RAS)
- PPE certification
- Green marks
- Performance mark
- ZDHC MRSL certification - Chemical MRSL 3-0 Conformance Certification Scheme



DIGITALIZATION



To gain advantage in today's competitive markets, many businesses are going digital. Our e-services help your company enhance data collection, improve productivity and expand market opportunities:

- E-commerce service
- Omnichannel supply chain solution
- Online booking (OLB)
- SGS inspection online (SIO)
- Supply chain knowledge sharing
- Virtual sampling for color assessment
- Fabric digitalization
- SGS SMART, SGS SMART Cares & SGS SMART Source

AUDITS



Our comprehensive audit solutions cover:

Social responsibility audits:

- oamfori Business Social Responsibility Initiative (BSRI)
- SEDEX Member Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA)
- Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)
- Social Labor Integration Project (SLCP)
- SGS Code of Conduct (CoC) for Social Responsibility

Environment audits:

- SGS Environmental Conformity Assessment (ECA)
- Higg Facility Environmental Module (Higg FEM)

Security audits:

- Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
- Supplier Compliance Audit Network (SCAN)

Quality audits:

- SGS Factory Capacity and Capability Assessment

TRAINING



Protect your brand reputation, develop industry knowledge and expertise, and stay compliant with sector-specific regulations through our comprehensive portfolio of training courses and seminars.

Led by industry experts, our courses are continuously updated to reflect the latest regulations, technological innovations and emerging market trends. Training topics cover the full spectrum of industry needs, including inspection, quality control, fabrics, restricted substances, product testing, care labeling, color matching and practical strategies to enhance sustainability performance across product processes.

We also offer internationally recognized training programs in alignment with the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) and Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC).

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WHY SGS?

We are the world's leading testing, inspection and certification company. With a global network of state-of-the-art laboratories and a team of dedicated professionals from diverse disciplines, we deliver comprehensive physical, chemical and functional testing for components, materials and finished products. Our expertise ensures your company meets the highest standards of quality, safety, sustainability and compliance with international, industrial and regulatory requirements. In the end, it's trusted because it's tested.