

SGS Softlines PFAS Total Solution: F-cleansing® Program

ELIMINATE PFAS AND ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE IN MULTIPLE MARKETS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have long been used in textiles, footwear and leather for their water-, oil- and stain-resistant properties. Increasing global concern over their persistence, toxicity and potential impacts on human health and the environment has driven stricter regulations and growing pressure on brands and suppliers to remove PFAS from products and supply chains.

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Developed to support the softlines industry in navigating this rapidly evolving regulatory landscape, the F-Cleansing Total Solution provides an end-to-end system to assess, manage and eliminate PFAS risks.

The program includes:

- **Tailored testing protocols** – combining total fluorine screening with targeted PFAS analysis to address diverse global requirements
- **Root cause analysis (RCA)** – tracing contamination sources in production and improving chemical management practices to support compliance
- **Chemical management services** – helping brands and suppliers identify, reduce and replace hazardous substances. SGS SMART Cares and SGS SMART Source support the monitoring of production chemicals and materials
- **bluesign® FINDER and bluesign® GUIDE** – offering access to bluesign-approved PFAS-free chemicals and materials, with guidance on specifications, applications, suppliers and suitable non-PFAS alternatives
- **Supplier engagement and training** – supporting mills and supply chain partners through transparency initiatives, best practice sharing and adoption of safer alternatives
- **Voluntary product mark: SGS green marks** – No PFAS Detected – an independent certification mark confirming that key PFAS compounds were not detected. This strengthens brand credibility in markets demanding verified 'no PFAS' claims.

This comprehensive approach empowers the softlines industry to transition away from PFAS, adopt safer substitutions and meet worldwide compliance expectations.

WHY CHOOSE 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.

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