



Trusted means tested

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

Consumers choose textile products for their style, fit, value, durability, ease of care and fitness for purpose. Designed for specific purposes, such as sports, leisure, casual or formal wear, textile products are the result of sophisticated product research and development. Partner with SGS to deliver desirable garments that consumers trust and which meet sustainability goals and supply chain requirements.

From raw materials to finished products, brands and retailers in the textile and footwear industry are facing pressure to improve environmental performance. Stakeholders, including governments and consumers, have high expectations. They want assurance that products are safe and result from a holistic approach to sustainability that goes beyond simply complying with regulations.

Our knowledge and expertise will help you turn increased regulation on issues such as climate change, pollution, product safety and health risks into opportunities for innovation.

In the end, it's only trusted because it's tested



TRUSTED SOLUTIONS FOR SOFTLINES

With our global network of testing facilities, we are trusted by brands and retailers to deliver a full spectrum of textile and footwear services throughout the supply chain – from raw materials to the finished, packaged product. Our experts devise unique service plans tailored to your needs. These are then delivered in the local language to reduce the opportunity for misinterpretation.

We service the broadest range of product categories including:

- Textiles and clothing
- Bags & accessories
- Functional and performance wear
- Footwear and leather
- Home textiles
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PRODUCT TESTING

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

- Fiber composition
- Flammability
- Functional performance
- Colorfastness and shrinkage
- Mechanical and performance analysis
- Children safety
- Restricted chemical substances
- Label review and verification

Our long-term partnership with Japan's leading general testing and inspection organization, the BOKEN Quality Evaluation Institute (BQE), has further increased our range of expertise for the Japanese market.

INSPECTION

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

- Initial production check (IPC)
- During production check (DUPRO)
- Final random inspection (FRI)
- FOOTSTTM
- Remote inspection
- Warehouse risk assessment

AUDIT & CERTIFICATION

SGS provides the textile and footwear industry with audit and certification solutions against a variety of industry initiatives and national and international standards including:

- Social responsibility audits (amfori Business Social Responsibility Initiative – BSCI, SEDEX member ethical trade audit – SMETA, International Social Accountability Certification Organization – WRAP, Social Labor Integration Project Verification – SLCP, SGS Code of Conduct for Social Responsibility – SGS COC)
- Environment audits (SGS Environmental Conformity Assessment – SGS ECA, Higg Facility Environmental Module – Higg FEM, Higg Brand and Retail Module – Higg BRM)
- Security audit (Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism – C-TPAT, Supplier Compliance Audit Network – SCAN)
- Quality audit (SGS factory capacity and capability assessment)

TRAINING

Protect your organization's reputation and brand, improve industry knowledge and expertise, and ensure compliance with industry specific regulations with our portfolio of training courses and seminars. Our experts are constantly refining their topics; devising new courses to enable you to keep up to date with regulations, technological innovations, and the latest market trends in inspection, quality control, fabrics, restricted substances, product testing, care labelling, color matching, and much more. American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) and Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC) international training courses also are available.

SUSTAINABILITY

Consumer interest in environmental, social and health debates, such as global warming, human rights and the risks posed by chemical substances, have highlighted the need for manufacturers, brands and retailers to have a strong corporate social responsibility policy. Stakeholders, including individual consumers, are increasingly conscious of their role in achieving sustainable development,

adding extra drive to the need for greater social responsibility.

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:

- 4C model
- bluesign[®] system
- Chemical management
- Hazardous substances control (HSC[®]) workshops
- International standard training program
- Labeling recommendation
- Regulatory compliance service at emerging markets
- Root cause analysis
- ZDHC program
- Recycling and upcycling verification
- Preferred materials testing, verification and certification

INDEPENDENTLY CHECKED MARK (IC MARK)

It is a globally recognized, voluntary product certification scheme. It gives manufacturers and retailers a greater ability to demonstrate their focus on quality and performance, and to create and supply products that meet or exceed the minimum legal requirements.

The IC Mark addresses consumer concerns and enables organizations to display a QR code on product packaging which gives consumers instant access to the certification test results. This includes a brief description of the product with an image, the date and scope of the test, the test criteria and results, plus the approval number. It also provides details of the manufacturer and any applicable retailers.



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
- Cloud based color assessment

WHY SGS?

SGS is a trusted, independent third-party service provider. We provide a single consolidated source for tailored services, consulting solutions and technical assistance to help you reduce risk while improving efficiency and quality.

We can fulfil all of your testing, certification, technical assistance, audit, inspection and verification needs. Our comprehensive capabilities and expert industry knowledge allows us to provide reliable performance services to suppliers, manufacturers and retailers, both large and small.

GLOBAL REACH, LOCAL TOUCH

Our harmonized approach to service delivery leverages the largest independent network of consumer product experts in the world. With industry recognized experts in most regions of the world, we speak your language and the language of your employees and suppliers. We also understand the culture of the markets in which you operate.

Our expertise in compliance management will help you make the right choices for different national markets, while carrying out the necessary testing and certification quickly and professionally.

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