



TRUSTED FOR REAL LIFE

**SAFETY, QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS FOR
THE TEXTILE & FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY**

BUILDING CONSUMER TRUST

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 are trusted for real life while meeting sustainability and supply chain requirements.

FOCUS ON CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS

From the raw material to the retail outlet,

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

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

DELIVERING SOLUTIONS FOR REAL LIFE

With a global network of testing facilities, brands and retailers trust us to deliver a full spectrum of textile and footwear services throughout the supply chain, from raw materials to the manufacture of finished products and their packaging. Our experts devise unique service plans tailored to your needs and delivered in the local language.

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We service the broadest range of product categories including:

- Fibre and yarn
- Textiles and garments
- Footwear
- Feather and down products
- Leather products
- Functional and performance wear
- Bags & accessories
- Home textiles
- Personal Protective Equipment

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:

- Fibre composition and labelling
- Physical and mechanical tests
- Colourfastness and shrinkage tests
- Functional tests
- Restricted Chemical Substances
- Flammability tests

Our long-term partnership with Japan's leading general testing and inspection organisation, 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 and delivery from an Initial Production Check (IPC), right through to a During Production Check (DUPRO) and Final Random Inspection (FRI). We can also provide a Claimed Inspection Service.

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:

Competitiveness enhancement

The ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX) has appointed SGS as the sole service provider of Source ASEAN Full Service Alliance (SAFSA) audits in all ten member countries. SAFSA audits are conducted against the global quality services standard developed by AFTEX to certify ASEAN

textile mills and factories. Certified mills and factories can provide customers with a fast, quality service and high standards of product design integrity from design to shipment.

Technical Assessment and Improvement

Evaluate and select new and existing suppliers against international product safety requirements and customer initiated product specific technical standards. Our in-class and site training improvement programmes can assist customers in improving the performance of their textile mills and garment factories.

Social responsibility

Social responsibility programmes help reduce sourcing risk by verifying the capability of manufacturers to meet contractual requirements for quality, quantity and delivery. In addition to this we can ensure that they engage in lawful, humane and ethical manufacturing practices and workplace conditions.

TRAINING

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

THINKING SUSTAINABLY

Consumer interest in environmental, social and health debates such as global warming, human rights and the risks posed by chemical substances, has 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 acting for sustainable

development. This also adds to the drive for social responsibility.

Across our global network of sustainability experts we can support your company in its strategy by offering a range of services covering the environmental, safety and social aspects of sustainability.

bluesign® standard

Our partnership with bluesign technologies ag opens the doors to specialist environmental, health and safety management expertise along the textile supply chain.

Carbon & energy efficiency

Life cycle and carbon footprint analysis helps you improve your organisation's choice of materials, energy consumption, packaging and logistics optimisation.

TRUSTED FOR REAL LIFE - WITH 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 reduce risks, improve efficiency and quality.

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

A GLOBAL REACH WITH A LOCAL TOUCH

With a presence in nearly every single region around the globe, our experts speak the local language and understand the culture of the local market. We have a harmonised approach to delivering services to our customers, leveraging the largest independent network of consumer product experts in the world.

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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WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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