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Costco Selects STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® for product screening

ISSAQUAH, WA (Jan. 23, 2018) Costco announces partnership with the Hohenstein Group to integrate STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification into its Smart Screening Program to ensure safe, traceable and sustainable products. The program is designed to protect consumer and environmental health by removing chemicals of concern (COCs) from the products and their components offered by Costco Wholesale.

The <u>STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®</u> is an independent verification that products have been tested for over 300 harmful substances.

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About Hohenstein

With global headquarters in Bönnigheim, Germany and 1000 employees in offices and labs around the world, Hohenstein offers accredited and independent textile testing, certification, research and development as well as training for more than 70 years. Product labels such as the Hohenstein quality label or the UV Standard 801 support manufacturers and retailers in their marketing activities. As a founding member, Hohenstein is also one of the most important laboratories for testing within the OEKO-TEX® portfolio.

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About OEKO-TEX®

With 27 years of experience, OEKO-TEX® leads the world in empowering and enabling consumers and companies to protect our planet by making responsible decisions. OEKO-TEX® provides standardized solutions which optimize customers' manufacturing processes and help deliver high quality, more sustainable products. All products within the OEKO-TEX® portfolio are used to strengthen customers' systems, processes or products and help create more sustainable companies. More than 10,000 manufacturers, brands, and retailers in nearly 100 countries are working with OEKO-TEX® to ensure their products are tested for potentially harmful substances. Millions of consumers around the world look for OEKO-TEX® labels before making buying decisions. OEKO-TEX® certified products and suppliers can be located in the OEKO-TEX® Online Buying Guide at https://www.oeko-tex.com/en/buying-guide. Connect with OEKO-TEX® on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

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