



Veramtex

The first Benelux STeP-certified company!

Veramtex is a Brussels based textile finishing company, specialised in:

1. liquid ammonia treatment (Beau-Fixe®) of fabrics resulting in improved properties, including dry crease recovery, non-iron, dimensional stability, increased mechanical resistance, colour fastness, etc.
2. gas ammonia treatment (Flam-Fixe™) to polymerise the flame retardant product fixed to the fabric

Launched in July 2013, **Sustainable Textile Production (STeP)** is the new OEKO-TEX® certification system for brands, retail companies and manufacturers from the textile chain who want to communicate their achievements regarding sustainable production to the public in a transparent, credible and clear manner.

Certification is possible for production facilities of all processing stages from fibre production, spinning mills, weaving mills, knitting mills to dyeing and finishing facilities, manufacturers of ready-made textile items and logistics. In April 2015 the certification scope will be expanded to include accessories.

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Veramtex's continuous environmental engagement



Eco-friendly Textile Finishing

Veramtex's history proves that the company is highly concerned about the ecological impact of its production and that it constantly invests in optimising its processes to ensure the safety of its workers, the absence of harmful substances used in the processes end products and to avoid that the process has any risks for the environment. Therefore, Veramtex has developed a unique and well-designed production process to reduce all hazards to practically zero.

Prior to the launching of STeP in 2013, Veramtex was already certified according to Oeko-Tex® 100 (textile products without harmful substances) and Oeko-Tex® 1000 (production in respect of the environment), the forerunner of STeP.

In 2013, Veramtex won the Oeko-Tex "Sustainability Award 2013" in the Category "Safety Management".

The jury was impressed by the efficiency of the process used, which allows the quality of all cellulose fibres to be improved with one single patented treatment step. The core of the "Beau Fixe" technology is the use of liquid ammonia. Ammonia is a chemical compound of nitrogen and hydrogen. At room temperature it is a colourless gas with a pungent smell and a latent hazard potential. The jury believe that Veramtex SA have, in a very unique way, managed to meet their responsibility for the health of employees and residents through the in-house development of a special recovery plant. This process allows the ammonia, which is completely removed from the fabric after treatment, to be recovered, cleaned and then reused at a rate of over 99% without any air and water pollution. This innovative plant has now made the risky delivery of liquid ammonia in lorries unnecessary.

Veramtex successfully passes all tests of the STeP certification process.

With the recent STeP certification, Veramtex once again demonstrates its full commitment to environmental protection, sustainability and social responsibility. Moreover, Veramtex may communicate its achievements in these areas to the public in a credible and transparent manner.

For the STeP certification, all of the areas of the company that relevant to sustainable production and social conditions were first analysed using a web-based assessment tool. This includes the handling of chemicals and possible hazardous materials, environmental performance measured using a wide range of criteria, the implementation of an environmental management system, company responsibility in relation to employees, efficient quality management and safety in the workplace. During the subsequent audit of the production facilities, the specifications provided by the company were verified on site by the OEKO-TEX® auditors of Centexbel. This organisation is one of the independent and Oeko-Tex® recognised testing and certification institutes who drafted a detailed audit report. The result of the sustainability assessment is displayed in a clear scoring system on the issued STeP certificate.

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