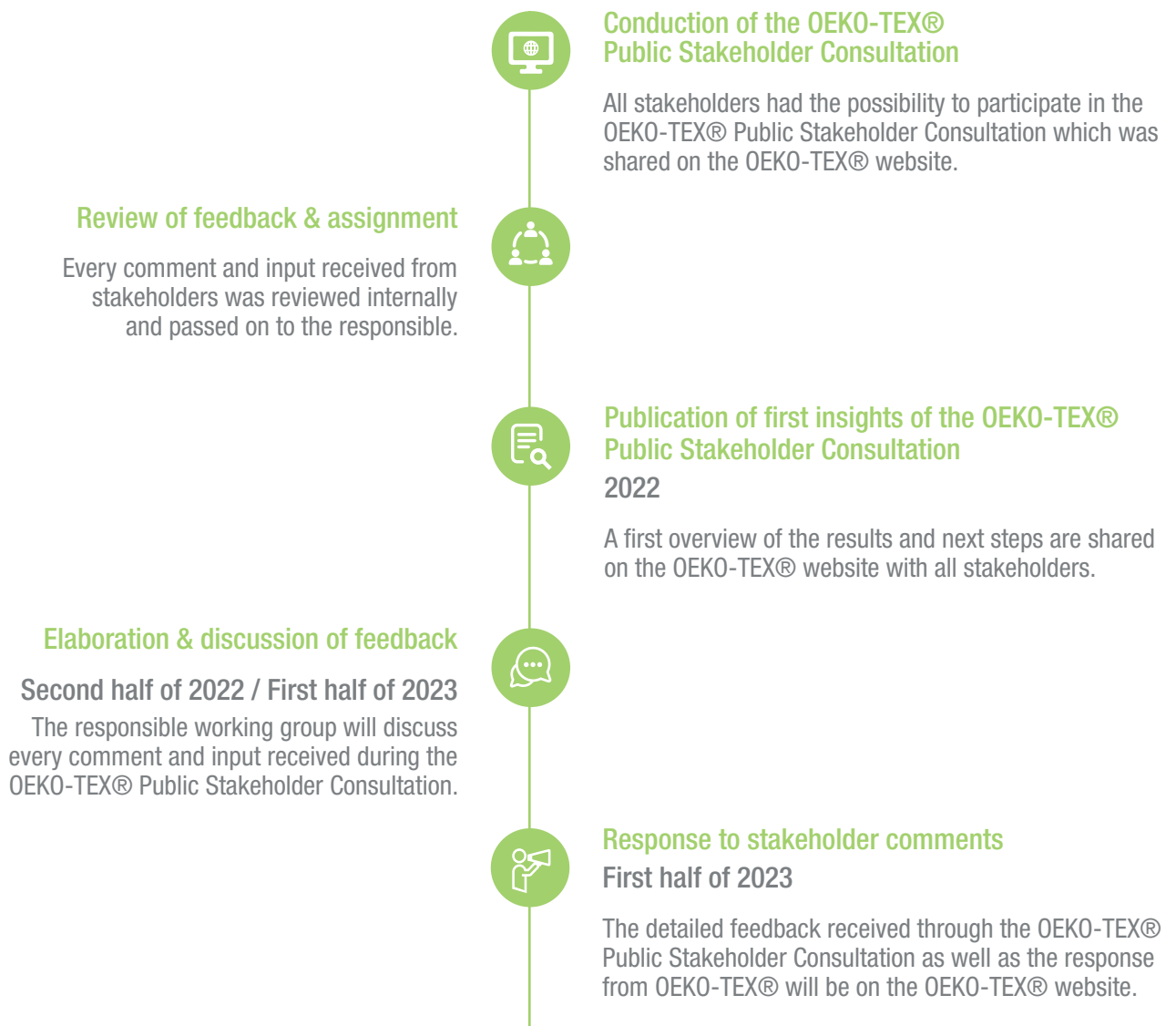


# OEKO-TEX® Public Stakeholder Consultation

## Introduction

Our commitment to more transparency is reflected in our Standards and our processes. OEKO-TEX® develops certifications and labels that support consumers, brands and retailers in their purchasing decisions and thereby improving conditions and circumstances for stakeholders in the industry and protecting our planet. We strive to involve all stakeholders in the setting and revision process of the OEKO-TEX® Standards on a regular basis. Therefore, a Public Stakeholder Consultation was conducted from March 1 to March 31, 2022.

## OEKO-TEX® Public Stakeholder Consultation Process



Information about the organizational structure of OEKO-TEX® can be found here:  
[OT International Advisory Board 01.2021.pdf \(oeko-tex.com\)](#)

## First insights into...

### The participants

1. Producer (28%)
2. Consumer (10%)
3. Brand / Retailer (7%)

The remaining 55% included auditors, NGOs or suppliers.

### Location of participants

| Country         | Absolute number of participations | Percentage |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Belgium         | 23                                | 16,3%      |
| The Netherlands | 15                                | 10,6%      |
| Pakistan        | 4                                 | 2,8%       |
| Germany         | 3                                 | 2,1%       |
| India           | 3                                 | 2,1%       |
| Italy           | 3                                 | 2,1%       |
| United States   | 3                                 | 2,1%       |
| China           | 2                                 | 1,4%       |
| Spain           | 2                                 | 1,4%       |
| Bangladesh      | 1                                 | 0,7%       |
| Egypt           | 1                                 | 0,7%       |
| El Salvador     | 1                                 | 0,7%       |
| Peru            | 1                                 | 0,7%       |
| Tunisia         | 1                                 | 0,7%       |
| United Kingdom  | 1                                 | 0,7%       |
| No information  | 77                                | 54,6%      |
| Total           | 141                               | 100%       |

## Summarized results

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### OEKO-TEX® Standard Updates 2022

- Stakeholders see no need to include further chemicals in the MRSL and RSL.
- A few chemicals and limit values were mentioned that should be reviewed by OEKO-TEX®. Aspects regarding testing procedures, limit values and certifications of post-consumer textiles were concerned.
- Carbon and water footprint are important measures for businesses and end-consumers. Suggestions were raised to develop the OEKO-TEX® impact calculator further.

### OEKO-TEX® Product Development

- Stakeholders regard supply chain transparency, global legal compliance, the applicability of human right due diligence and sustainability efforts for all suppliers as important for the RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS by OEKO-TEX®.
- Challenges and risks mentioned related to the upcoming due diligence legislation are costs, supply chain transparency, the publication of confidential company information as well as the non-compliance of suppliers with criteria and the resulting certification withdrawal.
- Transparency and efficiency were perceived as important requirements for complaint mechanisms. A complaint mechanism should be supported by experts and mediated for emerging issues.
- Half of the stakeholders responded that they would use a complaint mechanism provided by OEKO-TEX®.

### OEKO-TEX® Label Check

- Stakeholders perceive the information presented in the label check as valuable, especially regarding supply chain, label owner and scope.
- OEKO-TEX® takes along to review the scope and design of the label check for its user friendliness and attractiveness.
- Stakeholders requested to provide more detailed and additional information.

## Future Topics

### 1. Circularity

- Most challenging aspects of circularity mentioned are: raw material availability, material usage (especially fibre mixtures), longevity of products, manufacturing with recycled contents, testing of recycled products, product design, waste management, infrastructure, complexity and cost implications.
- OEKO-TEX® should give support by providing more information and awareness about circularity. OEKO-TEX® will review options to include circularity criteria into OEKO-TEX® products.

### 2. Topics for potential future OEKO-TEX® products

- Recycled and organic materials were perceived as important for future developments.
- The focus should be on human rights due diligence in the supply chains.