

SOFTLINES

TAILORED SOLUTIONS FOR TEXTILES AND APPAREL

Weaving quality into your clothing, textiles and footwear






Quality and safety assured for textiles and apparel products

Intertek's tailored solutions enable retailers, brands and manufacturers of textile products and apparel to ensure the safety, quality and performance of their products. We perform textile testing on items ranging from fabric samples to finished products, including activewear, apparel for children and adults (pajamas, sweaters, jeans, outerwear, etc.), fashion accessories (scarves, belts, gloves, hats, etc.) and trims (buttons, zippers, lace, beading, etc.)





Intertek's textiles and apparel industry services help retailers, brands and manufacturers uphold quality and safety while ensuring consumer confidence and brand loyalty.

Compliance requirements

In every major consumer market, more and more stringent regulations and restrictions for textiles and apparel products are being imposed or under negotiation. In order to be sold in a particular market, your products are required to comply with the local statutory laws and regulations.

Reducing risks

The last thing you want is have to issue a product recall. Conducting professional testing and analysis by Intertek enables you to minimize and avoid financial, operational and environmental risks involved with your textiles and apparel supply chain – all the way from origin to the hands of your consumers. Testing helps protect your brand and gain consumers' trust.

Value-added products

The world is getting more standardized, and so is the market. Leverage Intertek's expertise and innovation to add more value and marketability to your products, enabling you to differentiate your textiles and apparel products from the competition. With our local insights and global experience, you can achieve agility in new market exploration while maintaining high-quality products across the world.

Response to customer demand

Your customers are asking for safety, quality and social responsibility. As advocated by governments and environmental groups, today's consumers are getting more educated in the importance of the sustainability and how it affects each component of a garment. Waste reduction during production, use of eco-friendly raw materials and chemical restrictions are just a few of the concerns increasingly seen in textiles and apparel markets.

HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY BRAND AND RETAILER

We help our textiles and apparel customers meet consumer expectations in regard to safety, sustainability, performance, integrity and desirability in markets of different sizes in all continents.

Regulatory solutions

- Care label recommendations
 - Feather and down labelling
 - Warning labelling
 - Species labelling for fur/ animal origin products
 - Material content labelling for accessories
 - Care labelling
 - Country of origin labelling
 - Label placement
 - Languages of labelling
- Feather and down testing
- Fibre content analysis
- Flammability testing
- Safety design review
 - Drawstrings and cords on children's clothing
 - Sharp edges

Performance solutions

- Abrasion resistance
- Colourfastness properties
- Dimensional stability & appearance after cleansing
- Pilling resistance
- Strength performance
- Functional fabric performance
 - Absorbency
 - Air permeability
 - Anti-bacterial
 - Breathability
 - Moisture management
 - Oil repellency
 - Soil release
 - Thermal resistance
 - Uv protection
 - Water repellency
 - Water resistance
 - Wicking
 - Wrinkle-free



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ASSURANCE ALONG TEXTILES PRODUCTION CYCLE

Chemical solutions

Intertek has developed robust chemical testing capabilities for the textiles and apparel industry to help identify the source of and reduce chemicals in the textiles and apparel supply chain. Intertek can assist brands and retailers in gaining greater visibility into their impact on the environment by testing both their products and processes for possible hazardous chemicals including azo dyes, phthalates, organotin, nickel, cadmium and lead created from the manufacturing of your textiles and apparel products.

45+ laboratoriesoperating 24/7
in 5 continents

Intertek always strives to go beyond your expectations.

Chemical Management Program for DETOX

Intertek has formulated the Chemical Management Program for brands and retailers in response to environmental and industry initiatives like the brand- and retailer-led Roadmap to Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC). We can help you gain deeper understanding of visibility into the environmental impacts of your textiles and apparel manufacturing process as well as your products at various stages of production, through chemical inventory audits, IPE audits and wastewater effluent testing to ensure compliance with local and international standards.

Training

Intertek offers online, in-person and customized group training for your employees and vendors on compliance updates, regulatory requirements and testing standards to ensure your stakeholders are up to date on current standards.

Mill Qualification Program (MQP)

MQP provides leading suppliers and brands with a new operating environment that integrates sustainability considerations with continuous improvement in the quality performance of in-house laboratory textile physical properties testing. It employs a unified and standardized approach for mill performance measurement in four modules. MQP is an effective tool for evaluating, benchmarking and monitoring mills' performance and ultimately ensuring improvement.

Advisory & consultation

We can arrange on or off-site seminars on regulations and product standards, textiles and apparel information, testing and labelling presented by Intertek experts to ensure best practices and standards along your supply chains.



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