

Green Shape Standard

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Procurement regulations of Green Shape e.V.

Requirements for granting approval for Green Shape certification and for concluding a license agreement for the use of the 'Green Shape' brand

1. Purpose of this document

These procurement regulations define minimum requirements that companies must meet in terms of compliance with human rights due diligence, climate protection and formal aspects in order to be approved for Green Shape certification in accordance with Chapter 5.1.1 or Chapter 6.2 of the Green Shape Certification Programme.

Green Shape e.V., as the program owner of the Green Shape certification program and the "Green Shape" certification mark, checks whether the requirements are met on the basis of the following criteria.

In the event of a positive decision, Green Shape e.V. issues a corresponding confirmation and concludes a license agreement with the company.

2. Who is this document for?

This document is intended for:

- a. Manufacturers of clothing or textile outdoor products who want to have their company, products and product development processes certified according to the Green Shape Standard;
- b. Certification bodies that want to certify companies from point a. according to the Green Shape Standard.

2.1. Requirements for manufacturers of clothing or textile outdoor products

Manufacturers of textile outdoor products and/or clothing who want to have their company, products and product development processes certified according to the Green

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Shape Standard must meet the following requirements and prove this to Green Shape e.V.:

1. The products to be certified correspond to one or more of the classes of goods approved for the Green Shape Standard **in accordance with Applicable Document 02.**
2. The company is **based in the European Union**, Switzerland or Norway.
3. The company is **not** a member of Green Shape e.V.
4. The company has formulated a comprehensive **policy statement** that includes at least:
 - Written commitment by the management to legal **conformity** with all legal norms relevant to its business activities;
 - Written commitment to comply with the **United Nations** Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights¹, **Responsible Purchasing Practices**² and the **Core Labour Standards** of the International Labour Organization (ILO³);
 - Written commitment to the **Paris Climate Agreement**⁴ and the 1.5° target by means of a formal commitment to **science-based climate targets** by the Science Based Targets Initiative⁵ (at least status "committed");
 - **Analysis and action plan to avoid, minimise and mitigate negative impacts** of own business activities in accordance with OECD Sector risks for the

¹https://www.globalcompact.de/migrated_files/wAssets/docs/Menschenrechte/Publikationen/leitprinzipien_fuer_wirtschaft_und_menschenrechte.pdf

² <https://www.cfrpp.org/the-common-framework>

³ <https://www.ilo.org/de/normenkontrolle>

⁴ <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement>

⁵ <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/>

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apparel and footwear sector⁶, which include at least the first and second upstream stages of the value chain;

5. The company publishes an **annual sustainability report** in accordance with the current EU standard (ESRS), which contains at least the policy statement in accordance with point 4.
6. The company submits its application for approval for certification according to the Green Shape Standard by means of the application form provided on the website of Green Shape e.V. (co-applicable document 21), including the evidence required therein.

2.2. Requirements for Certification Bodies

Certification bodies that would like to certify companies according to the Green Shape Standard submit a written application to Green Shape e.V.

You must meet the following requirements:

1. The certification body is headquartered **in Germany**.
2. The certification body as a company is **not** a member of Green Shape e.V.
3. It holds a current **accreditation according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17065 by the German Accreditation Body**.
4. Employees of the certification body concerned with the Green Shape Standard provide evidence **of relevant textile expertise in accordance with Document 40**.

⁶ https://www.oecd.org/de/publications/oecd-leitfaden-fur-die-erfullung-der-sorgfaltspflicht-zur-forderung-verantwortungsvoller-lieferketten-in-der-bekleidungs-und-schuhwarenindustrie_9789264304536-de.html

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2.3. Processing deadlines

The deadlines within which Green Shape e.V. processes applications from companies are regulated in the Green Shape certification program.

2.4. Publication and Privacy Policy

Green Shape e.V. publishes data, decision on testing in accordance with the procurement regulations and license number of companies and certification bodies in accordance with Chapter 5.1.2 of the Green Shape Certification Program on its website.

Further agreements on data protection are regulated in the licence agreements.