

bluesign® system

A sustainable commitment

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Managing inputs – responsible actions

The bluesign® system focuses on resources, people and the environment. With its holistic approach based on Input Stream Management, the bluesign® system reduces the impact on people and on the environment, ensures responsible use of resources and guarantees the highest level of consumer safety. The most stringent criteria and monitoring of on-site implementation encourage companies along the entire textile value chain to improve their sustainability performance.



Minimizing risks

What makes the **bluesign® system** so unique? By using the Input Stream Management approach, harmful substances are eliminated from the very beginning. Other standards certify finished products by end sample testing, notwithstanding the fact that the chemical products used and the production conditions are unknown. Within the **bluesign® system** all chemical input undergoes a risk assessment based on best available technique (BAT) and advice is given to the industry to minimize the risk to people and the environment. On-site implementation ensures the right use of the chemical products as well as the protection of people and the environment. As a result the risks for end consumers are minimized too. Therefore the **bluesign® system** is a working chemicals management system to minimize risks in a systemic way.

Sustainability performance

Beside minimizing the risks, the **bluesign® system** encourages the system partners to continuously improve safety during the use of chemicals, optimize processes regarding resource consumption and change the product design in terms of environmental impact. Therefore the **bluesign® system** is used to improve companies' sustainability performance.

Business advantage

In the future all companies are required to demonstrate their sustainability performance and provide proof of the minimal impact on people and the environment, as consumers are increasingly concerned about environmental damage. The shared use of the **bluesign® system** therefore ensures conformity and lowers costs at the same time. This is a real business advantage for chemical suppliers, textile and accessory manufacturers as well as brands, which makes the **bluesign® system** an effective solution for the industry.

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The benefits for system partners

The bluesign® system partnership offers the following benefits for chemical suppliers, textile and accessory manufacturers as well as brands.



Benefits for chemical suppliers

- Homologation and rating of chemical products with the bluesign® bluetool and dedicated support in product stewardship
- Transparency regarding compliance of the chemical products with common "Restricted Substance Lists" (RSLs) and with the SVHC candidate list from REACH
- The bluesign® system substance list (BSSL) as a comprehensive list of restricted substances that takes common RSLs into account.
- Wide acceptance of the **bluesign® approved** chemical products by business partners and brands
- Access to bluesign® bluefinder, an internet platform to promote **bluesign® approved** chemical products to manufacturers

Benefits for manufacturers

- Enabling the manufacturers to successfully manage complex environmental issues and regulations
- Implementation of Input Stream Management to minimize risks
- Compliance with most common "Restricted Substances Lists" (RSLs)
- Access to bluesign® bluefinder, a search engine for approved chemistry, and the bluesign® blueguide to promote your approved component
- Products can be labeled as **bluesign® approved**

Benefits for brands

- Sound sustainability performance in the supply chain which includes elimination of critical substances in the supply chain and from final products
- Chemicals management system concerning consumer safety issues, currently approx. 900 chemical substances covered by the constantly updated bluesign® system substances list (BSSL) to minimize consumer safety risks
- Implementation of Input Stream Management in the supply chain on mill level
- Access to the bluesign® blueguide, the global sourcing tool for fabrics and accessories which meet the highest criteria regarding protection of resources, people and the environment
- Added value by use of the **bluesign® product** label

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Become a system partner

Join the most stringent environment, health and safety system and improve your sustainability performance. The procedure for becoming a bluesign® system partner is as follows:



Partnership is open for chemical suppliers, textile and accessory manufacturers as well as brands who want to give a strong commitment to sustainability.

Interested? Then fill out the partnership application on www.bluesign.com or contact us for more information or your individual quotation:

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