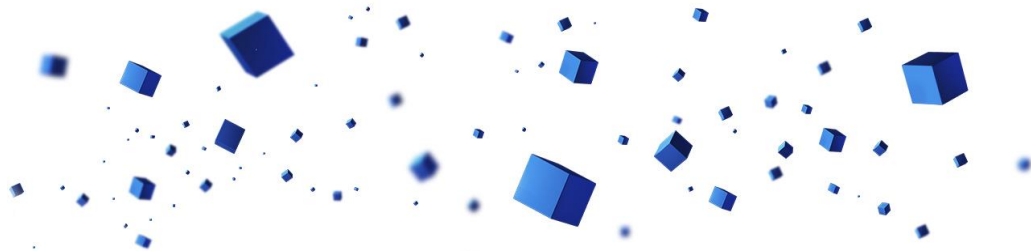


bluesign® CRITERIA for approved chemical products and articles for industrial use and commission processes

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1 Purpose

These bluesign® CRITERIA define requirements for bluesign® APPROVED chemical products and bluesign® APPROVED articles for industrial use which are placed on the market as well as commission processes.

Communication of bluesign® trademarks and rights of use is described in the *bluesign® Communication Guidelines* and the bilateral agreement between BLUESIGN and the SYSTEM PARTNER and is not the subject of this document.

2 Scope of the bluesign® APPROVED trademark

The bluesign® APPROVED trademark applies to chemical products and articles which are commercially available at scale:

- Chemical products for industrial use in the textile and leather industry and related industries (e.g. accessory manufacturing)
- and
- Textile articles for industrial use at all processing levels (man-made fibers, yarns, raw fabrics, dyed, finished, coated fabrics, garments, textile equipment, etc.)
 - Finished leather articles for industrial use
 - Accessories for industrial use
 - Further, it applies to commission processes related to such bluesign® APPROVED materials.

3 Definitions

For a comprehensive list of terms and abbreviations, please refer to the document *bluesign® glossary*.

4 Requirements for chemical suppliers, manufacturers and converters

4.1 Chemical supplier

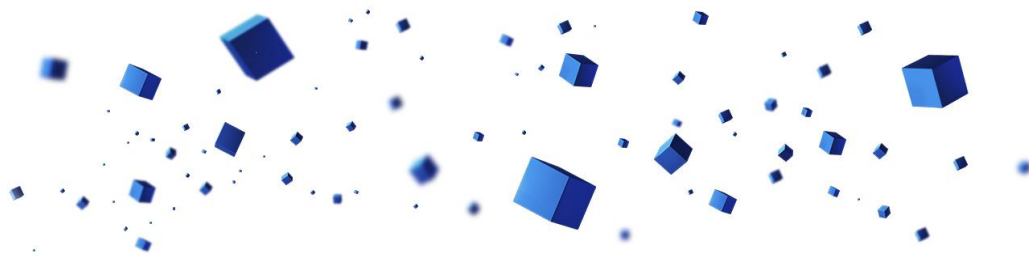
A chemical supplier who intends to place a bluesign® APPROVED chemical product on the market shall follow the *bluesign® CRITERIA for production sites | Annex: Chemical supplier* and the *bluesign® Guideline – Product Stewardship for chemical supplier* by

- being a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER with the right to use the bluesign® APPROVED trademark;
- having successfully applied for chemical assessment of chemical products via bluesign® TOOL and for registration of chemical products in the bluesign® FINDER.

4.2 Manufacturer

A manufacturer who intends to place a bluesign® APPROVED article on the market or who intends to carry out a bluesign® APPROVED commission process shall

- follow the bluesign® CRITERIA for production sites and related annex documents;
- be a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER with the right to use the bluesign® APPROVED trademark;
- have successfully applied for certification of articles and/or processes.



4.3 Converter

A converter who intends to place a bluesign® APPROVED article on the market shall

- follow the bluesign® CRITERIA for converters;
- be a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER with the right to use the bluesign® APPROVED trademark;
- have successfully applied for registration of articles.

5 Requirements for chemical products, articles and commission processes

5.1 Chemical products

A bluesign® APPROVED chemical product shall

- originate from a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER;
- comply with the bluesign® CRITERIA for chemical assessment and the BSBL;
- be rated blue or grey;
- be registered in the bluesign® FINDER.

5.2 Articles

A bluesign® APPROVED article shall

- originate from a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER;
- conform to the chemicals change management requirements (see *bluesign® CRITERIA for production sites*);
- comply with the BSSL consumer safety limits;
- be registered in the bluesign® GUIDE.

5.3 Commission processes

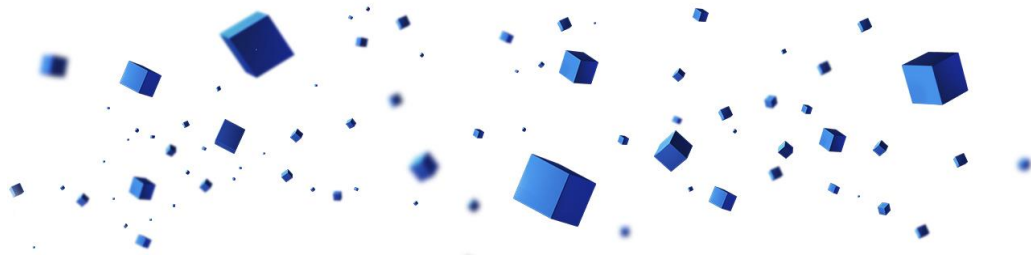
Commission processes applied on bluesign® APPROVED materials shall

- be carried out by a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER;
- conform to the chemicals management requirements (see *bluesign® CRITERIA for production sites*);
- lead to an article complying with the BSSL consumer safety limits;
- be registered in the bluesign® GUIDE.

6 System integrity

Chemical suppliers, manufacturers and converters are regularly assessed by bluesign® COMPANY ASSESSMENT within a time frame of no longer than three years, with the option of additional unannounced assessments. If non-conformity is detected or if the relevant organizational and technical procedures change significantly, a follow-up assessment may be necessary.

BLUESIGN reserves the right to test sample chemical products and articles. A bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER is required to support these tests with information and reference samples.



6.1 Chemical products

The bluesign® FINDER entry confirms that chemical products are compliant with the bluesign® CRITERIA, in particular the bluesign® CRITERIA for chemical assessment and BSBL. Cross-checks of data and testing of chemicals ensure ongoing compliance, especially in case of changes of bluesign® CRITERIA and limit values.

6.2 Articles and commission processes

The bluesign® GUIDE entry attests that articles or processes are compliant with the bluesign® CRITERIA. Furthermore, BLUESIGN issues bluesign® CERTIFICATES and associated lists of articles and processes. The standard term for certificates is three years starting with initial company assessment. Deviating terms are possible at the discretion of BLUESIGN, e.g. in case of lasting profound corrective actions or agreed delays that do not affect consumer safety or legal compliance. Cross-checks of data and testing of articles ensure ongoing compliance, especially in case of changes of bluesign® CRITERIA and limit values.

6.3 Withdrawal of bluesign® FINDER registration or certification

Critical non-conformities (see *bluesign® exclusion criteria*) detected (e.g. during bluesign® ASSESSMENT) lead to withdrawal of bluesign® FINDER registration or certification, if the bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER fails to remedy them within the contractually agreed period.

Non-conformities of bluesign® APPROVED chemical products, articles or processes require a root cause analysis. Constant product specific problems lead to deletion of this and related products/processes from the bluesign® FINDER or GUIDE, including certificates. Systematic causes are treated as critical non-conformities.

Chemical product deletions are communicated via the bluesign® FINDER.

Withdrawal or expiry of certificates is communicated via the bluesign® GUIDE.

The bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER shall inform the direct downstream user (customer) on changes of certification status and changes in bluesign® FINDER/GUIDE, as well as possible risks resulting from the non-conformities.

6.4 Active Information duty

To ensure the function and integrity of the bluesign® SYSTEM, a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER is obliged to report immediately to BLUESIGN on:

- Relevant changes to production processes, production volumes (e.g. significant increase) or the product portfolio
- A significant accident or incident with occupational health or environmental relevance, or major non-compliance with site related local regulations
- Non-compliance of bluesign® APPROVED chemical products, articles and/or commission processes with bluesign® CRITERIA, especially if legal requirements in the market of origin or target markets are infringed. In this case the bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNER direct downstream user shall also be informed

7 Validity

This document comes into effect from 2020-03. It replaces the *bluesign® criteria for bluesign® approved chemical products and articles for industrial use* version 2.0. For all companies that signed an agreement for an assessment or for a bluesign® SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP before 2020-03 the adapted and newly introduced requirements are binding after a transition period of one year from the date of release.

This document is subject to revisions. Details on the revision procedure for regular and unscheduled revisions are compiled in the *bluesign® SYSTEM* document.



8 Other applicable documents

The following documents complement the document at hand:

- *bluesign® SYSTEM*
- *bluesign® glossary*
- *bluesign® CRITERIA for converters*
- *bluesign® CRITERIA for production sites*
- *bluesign® SYSTEM BLACK LIMITS (BSBL)*
- *bluesign® SYSTEM SUBSTANCES LIST (BSSL) – Consumer safety limits*
- *bluesign® Communication Guidelines*

Current versions are available for download at www.bluesign.com/criteria.

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