Hohenstein supports Global Textile Scheme Initiative for structured data exchange

Strategic partnership for improved transparency in the textile industry

BOENNIGHEIM, Germany (April 9, 2025) – Global testing and research laboratory Hohenstein has acquired shares in Global Textile Scheme GmbH (GTS). The GTS initiative aims to create an international standard for handling structured product data in the textile and apparel industry. Hohenstein will support GTS in harmonizing and automating data exchange along the supply chain.

As an internationally recognized knowledge partner, Hohenstein is expanding its expertise in data standardization and transparency in the textile sector. "The demand for reliable, structured and machine-readable data along the textile value chain is rising rapidly," explains Dr. Stefan Droste, CEO of Hohenstein. "We want to support our customers and are committed to close collaboration with GTS."

Additionally, Hohenstein will leverage its global network to promote the adoption of the GTS standard worldwide. The goal is to facilitate access to standardized data structures for companies—a key requirement for recycling, circularity and more sustainable production. These topics are also increasingly important for new regulatory requirements, such as the Digital Product Passport.

"The Global Textile Scheme initiative offers a pragmatic solution for efficiently managing complex data without an excessive increase of manual processes," emphasizes Dr. Stefan Droste. "Data is becoming the backbone of the circular economy, and we are excited to actively shape this development with GTS."

About Hohenstein
Hohenstein has more than 75 years of experience in testing, certification and applied research. With roots in the textile sector, the Hohenstein testing portfolio now includes softlines, hardlines and medical devices. Around the globe, about 1,500 employees work to improve the human-product-environment interaction with offerings such as testing for harmful substances, performance and fit. They develop science-based methods and standards that consider the user in real life, not just in the lab. Through standard or customized testing, and interpretation of the results, Hohenstein experts solve problems,

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About GTS
Global Textile Scheme GmbH (GTS) is developing and establishing an international standard for the handling of structured product data in the textile and clothing industry as part of the "GTS Industry Initiative". The aim is to harmonize and automate the exchange of data along the entire supply chain, from fibre to recycling, thereby creating the basis for a functioning circular economy. By developing standardized criteria and an open, collaborative platform, GTS facilitates access to certified information and strengthens trust in sustainable textile products worldwide. globaltextilescheme.org