



VEGAN PRODUCTS VERIFICATION SERVICES FOR TEXTILES, BAGS, AND FOOTWEAR

Veganism is a growing trend in many societies with individuals choosing to abstain from the use of animal products in their daily lives. It is reported that the number of people claiming to be vegan has increased seven-fold between 2014-2019¹. Veganism² is defined as “a philosophy and way of living which seeks to exclude—as far as is possible and practicable—all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing or any other purpose.” Generally, clothing, textiles, bags, accessories and footwear that claim to be “vegan” shall not contain animal derived components (such as leather, fur, silk, feathers, down, bone, horn, shell, wool, cashmere, shearling, angora, animal skin, suede, or mohair). This includes animal-derived materials, adhesives, etc. used in production.

SGS's vegan product verification services offer you a number of screening tests and a certification of compliance with a Product Approval Mark.

VERIFICATION SERVICES

SGS provides a range of services to support your product's 'vegan' claim and reassure your customers in their purchasing decision:

SGS VEGAN SCREENING (SGS VPS100-2020)

- Innovative screening program for animal derived material using:
 - Microscopic examination
 - Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) Spectrometry
 - Liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry (LC-MS)
- Confirmation of high risk ingredients with further analytical techniques

SGS PRODUCT APPROVAL MARK

- Laboratory screening of animal derived material
- Testing of mandatory regulation compliance
- Restricted substances list testing
- Document review and on-site assessment for verification of manufacturer's vegan production declaration
- SGS Independently Checked Mark granted for products which comply with the requirements

As the rise in veganism continues globally, so demand for vegan products grows. SGS will work alongside you using innovative solutions to support your products in fulfilling the 'vegan' criteria.

For further information contact global.sl@sgs.com.

1. The Vegan Society – Statistics (<https://www.vegansociety.com/news/media/statistics>)
2. The Vegan Society – Definitions (<https://www.vegansociety.com/go-vegan/definition-veganism>)