



MEDIA INFORMATION

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SGS Vietnam Recognized by ZDHC Foundation for ZDHC MRSL Level 1 Conformance

SGS, the world's leading testing, inspection and certification company, is pleased to announce that the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) Foundation has recognized and accepted SGS in Vietnam as an indicator of Level 1 ZDHC Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (MRSL) v2.0 Conformance in connection with the ZDHC Gateway – Chemical Module.

The recognition enables SGS to provide Chemical MRSL conformance services from its laboratories in Ho Chi Minh City and Hai Phong, both major apparel and footwear manufacturing locations. This expands SGS's existing capability across the region where ZDHC Foundation approved laboratories in Istanbul, Chennai, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Kaohsiung have been operational for few years.

Yvonne Tse, Vice President, Global Softlines, SGS said: "SGS is committed to supporting the textile and footwear industry to move at pace towards the zero-discharge goal and we are delighted with this recognition from the ZDHC Foundation enabling us to further expand our sustainability services.

"Vietnam is a major textile and footwear manufacturing hub and by having this new conformance testing capability at Ho Chi Minh City and Hai Phong we can ensure retailers and manufacturer in the textile and apparel industry benefit from increased efficiency and shorter turnaround times. Ultimately we can support clients to meet their environmental and global sustainability aims."

ZDHC accepted all eight SGS laboratories as part of the SGS Global MRSL Conformance Certification Center. All MRSL analysis to produce these certificates must be carried out by these laboratories. Chemical formulations tested by SGS conforming to ZDHC MRSL are recognized as Level 1 chemicals.

ZDHC has published an MRSL conformance guidance establishing the way in which chemical formulators can provide indicators of conformance, as well as how manufacturers and brands can find recognized and credible processes for chemical formulations compiled with ZDHC MRSL in [ZDHC Gateway](#) – Chemical Module.

The ZDHC Foundation oversees implementation of the ZDHC Program. Its mission is to advance towards zero discharge of hazardous chemicals in the textile, leather and footwear value chain to improve the environment and people's well-being.

Solutions for chemical and environmental management

SGS provides robust and holistic solutions for chemical and environmental management across the supply chain. Besides the MRSL program, SGS is working on other ZDHC programs, like training and wastewater testing, as an Accredited Training Provider (ATP) and accepted wastewater laboratory.



SGS has developed a unique Trio Approach to help manufacturers and their suppliers to create a safer environment, as well as assisting the textile and footwear supply chain toward the zero-discharge goal.

[Find out more about how the company's Zero Discharge Holistic Solution >](#)

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