



**Press Release**  
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## **bluesign® bluefinder extended for leather chemistry**

**In cooperation with Stahl, the leading chemical supplier for leather chemistry and bluesign® system partner since 2017, bluesign technologies has extended the bluesign® bluefinder for leather chemistry in order to provide a robust solution for proactively managing chemicals for the leather and footwear industry.**

The bluesign® bluefinder, an online application based on an applied practice called Input Stream Management, is, with over 10,000 chemical products, the world's first and most comprehensive positive list of chemical formulations. It helps partners to properly manage chemicals and to replace hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives. Partners include stakeholders in the global apparel and footwear industry, ranging from chemical suppliers to manufacturers and brands.

*"The bluesign® bluefinder has been proven as a functional tool to detox a supply chain covering the complete textile production process," Kurt Schlaepfer, Head Customer Relation Management of bluesign technologies says. "We thoroughly assess the chemical products with on-site verified data and practice oriented risk assessment including hazard assessment and exposure scenario calculations to ensure their compliance to strict limits regarding ecological and toxicological properties and risks," Kurt Schlaepfer adds.*

*"With the extension of the bluesign® bluefinder to leather chemistry the whole industry can benefit from bluesign®'s huge knowledge of chemicals assessment and chemical change management in the supply chain," says Michael Costello, Sustainability Director of Stahl.*

### **About bluesign® bluefinder**

The patented bluesign® bluefinder, released in 2002, is the first online positive list for safe chemical products for the textile and leather industries. The advanced search engine contains data on over 10,000 bluesign® approved chemical products meeting the bluesign® criteria out of about 18,000 assessed chemicals. The chemical products that are in the bluesign® bluefinder originate from over 130 highly responsible chemical companies around the world. To get a chemical bluesign® approved, a chemical company has to undergo a bluesign® assessment including an on-



site inspection, followed by a corrective action plan to fulfill the bluesign® criteria for production sites. Only after implementation of the necessary steps and full compliance with the bluesign® criteria for chemical companies is a registration and assessment of a chemical product possible. The key for a chemical assessment is a perfectly installed Product Stewardship Program to get all the necessary data in an accurate and correct form. A fully functioning Product Stewardship Program is the only way for a robust and systemic approach and therefore a prerequisite for any chemical supplier passing the company assessment and providing bluesign® approved chemical products. The always up-to-date search engine provides the latest easily comprehensible relevant Environment, Occupational Health and Consumer Safety information and is therefore the solution for a Chemical Change Management.

### **About bluesign technologies ag**

The bluesign® system is the solution for a sustainable textile production. It eliminates harmful substances right from the beginning of the manufacturing process and sets and controls standards for an environmentally friendly and safe production. This not only ensures that the final textile product meets very stringent consumer safety requirements worldwide but also provides confidence to the consumer to acquire a sustainable product.

bluesign technologies ag was founded in 2000. Since then, the bluesign® system has been adopted by worldwide leading textile and accessory manufacturers. Various significant key players of the chemical industry support the bluesign® system. And well-known brands of the outdoor, sportswear and fashion industry rely on the extensive knowledge of bluesign technologies.

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