

Bruck Textiles - A Commitment to Safety and the Environment.

Following recent media coverage about high levels of free formaldehyde in some imported Chinese textiles, we wish to provide the following information:

Formaldehyde is a byproduct, which is created mainly during curing processes in the manufacturing of fabrics. Bruck Textiles Pty Ltd as a responsible Australian owned company has been monitoring this issue for several years now. Bruck management believes this is not only a problem for the end consumer of our fabric but that it is also our responsibility to reduce the environmental impact of our formaldehyde emissions from our manufacturing operations. This protects our workers, our neighbours and our environment.

Bruck has developed an Environment Improvement Plan that includes actions to reduce formaldehyde emissions. The Formaldehyde Emission Control Plan, which has been endorsed by EPA, is part of this plan. Actions implemented by Bruck to date have significantly reduced our formaldehyde impacts. This includes careful selection of state of the art chemicals.

18 Months ago, Bruck realized the importance and value of the European based environmental quality assurance program OEKOTEX. In April 2007, Bruck was the first Australian Textile manufacturer to obtain OEKOTEX Certification with confirmation of Certification for our window furnishings range. Formaldehyde levels have also been reduced to the required levels in the production of our apparel fabric range and OEKOTEX Certification has been applied for with a positive result expected in the near future. This means all products manufactured at our facility in Wangaratta, Victoria, will be OEKOTEX Certified.

The OEKOTEX LABEL does not only cover the formaldehyde content, it also gives the customer the certainty of knowing that our textiles are guaranteed to contain no concentration of harmful Hazardous, Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or Allergenic substances that are detrimental to health. The OEKOTEX LABEL is divided in 4 classes. Bruck's garment fabrics will fall into Class II (fabrics in direct contact with skin) with a limit of <75ppm free formaldehyde and our window fabrics are falling in Class IV (decoration fabrics with no direct contact with skin) with a limit of <300ppm free formaldehyde. These are internationally agreed levels.

This, together with our ISO 9001-2000 certificated Quality Assurance System offers our customers an assurance of product with Internationally acceptable formaldehyde levels.

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