

G-Star RAW committed to eliminate hazardous chemicals

G-Star is committed to eliminate the release of hazardous chemicals into the environment from our production processes and product.

G-Star fully acknowledges and understands the seriousness of the problem of hazardous chemicals and will take all necessary action to improve the control on the use of hazardous substances in the production process and our products and to eliminate the release of these substances into the environment. We will continue to collaborate with suppliers through the chain, other brands and chemical suppliers to reach this ambition.

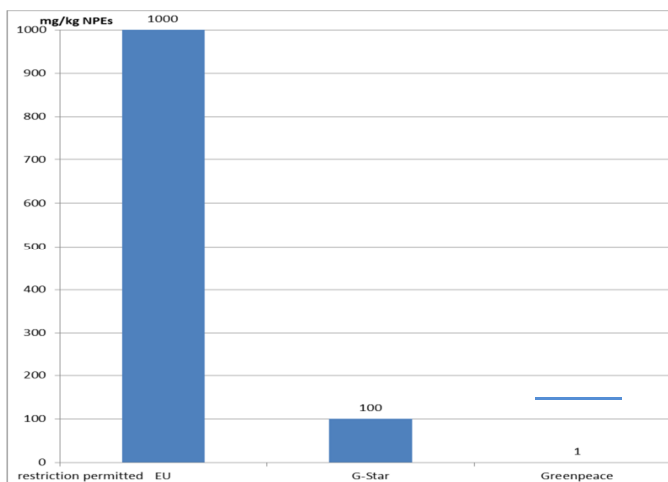
We are currently in the process of improving our Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) management system, in which the test results of Greenpeace will be taken into account. At the moment, G-Star has a compliance system fully focused on hazardous substances, which includes a Restricted Chemicals List, regular checks on the sites, risk assessments, training and support to suppliers, product testing and independent environmental auditing. However, there are still incidents where traces are found of restricted chemicals in our products. It is needless to say that organizing the many actors to play in a concerted role, needs continuous surveillance and continues to remain a challenge. The supply chain of a garment is a very complex system with as many steps and suppliers in the chain as parts and raw materials used.

We will provide our environmental strategy including an action plan in which we will explain the EHS management system and steps to further control and monitor the use of hazardous substances in our production processes and product in the foreseeable future.

Background Information regarding restriction limits

On August 23rd, 2011 Greenpeace published its second report within its Detox Campaign in which G-Star is mentioned. The report highlights the negative effects of the use of a hazardous chemical on the environment and its presence in apparel.

Greenpeace strives to eliminate the release of hazardous chemicals across supply chains and products beyond the restriction set by the EU of 1000mg/kg in textile processing. This is shown in the report by their detection limit of 1 mg/kg.



EU restriction : 1000 mg/kg
 G-Star limit: 100mg/kg
 Greenpeace detection limit: 1 mg/kg

G-Star embraces this ambition of Greenpeace and the need to eliminate the release of hazardous substances into the environment beyond the legal framework. In line with our sustainable ambition, G-Star has set its internal limit for this restricted chemical at 100 mg/kg, 10% of the European limit.

We consider it positive that the tested G-Star products in the Greenpeace report were below our internal restriction limit. This gives us further confidence that we are able to eliminate hazardous chemicals from our production processes and product to reach zero discharge into the environment.