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## FITI becomes the first ZDHC Accepted Certification Standard for MRSL Level 1 v2.0

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On Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, FITI Testing & Research Institute, one of the global comprehensive testing laboratories, has been accepted as the first ZDHC MRSL Level 1 v2.0 testing & certification organization by ZDHC Foundation. There are only 4 official organizations including FITI who can offer ZDHC MRSL v2.0 certification now.

Until last year, ZDHC regulate 206 hazardous substances on the textile & leather process with MRSL ver 1.1. However, the scope has been extended that even on the polymer (rubber, foam and adhesives) process, 261 hazardous substances will be regulated according to MRSL v2.0.

So far, textile and footwear manufacturers have needed to manage Restricted Substances List (RSL) which sets limits on chemical substance concentrations in the final product. However, the use of hazardous chemicals in the manufacturing process can have a negative effect on consumers, workers and the environment as well.

To reduce or substitute hazardous chemicals in the whole supply chain, a group of major apparel, leather, footwear brands and retailers made a shared commitment with ZDHC (Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals) and developed MRSL (Manufacturing Restricted Substances List) which is a list of chemical substances banned from intentional use in facilities that process textile materials and trim parts in apparel, leather and footwear.

For any suppliers, who are approved by FITI Testing & Research Institute as in compliance with MRSL standard, certification proving that their products are harmless will be provided and they can upload their chemical products with v2.0 certification on the ZDHC Gateway.

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