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«SNR 30000» forms the new basis for the «TESTEX Community Mask» label

The new Swiss rule «SNR 30000» regarding community masks has been developed by the Swiss Association for Standardization (SNV) and officially came into force on the 29th of January. The specified requirements are based on the suggestions of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force, which have been acknowledged by the Federal Office of Public Health FOPH. As of February 1st, TESTEX will therefore test and evaluate all community masks based on «SNR 30000».

In the past few months, the different performance levels of community masks, have been a frequently discussed topic in the public discourse. As a member of the Swiss Association for Standardization (SNV), TESTEX and other stakeholders from industry and science, have therefore developed a normative document that sets minimal requirements for community masks. The Swiss Rule «SNR 30000» includes basic requirements for splash resistance, breathability, reusability and aerosol filtration efficiency. More detailed information about what the rule entails can be found on the website of the Swiss Association for Standardization (SNV): [Swiss rule SNR 30000:2021 / Press Release SNV](#)

As of February 1st 2021, TESTEX will start testing and evaluating all community masks based on the Swiss Rule «SNR 30000». However, there will be a month-long transition period for all applications which have been handed in before the publication of the new test criteria.

Compliance with the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® regulations, remains a valid criteria for the «TESTEX Community Mask» label.

In order to avoid confusion, every label will state if the recommendations of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force or the requirements of Swiss rule «SNR 30000» have been used as a base for testing. All existing labels remain valid for the intended time frame, but will have to be renewed based on the requirements of «SNR 30000».



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Textile masks with the «TESTEX Community Mask» and «STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®» label offer safety in public places. The finished label clearly states if the mask has been tested based on the requirements of the SNV or the recommendations of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force.

About TESTEX

TESTEX is a globally operating, independent Swiss testing and certification organisation with focus on textile and leather testing. Founded in 1846 and originally known as the "Seidentrocknungsanstalt Zurich" (Silk Conditioning Institute), the TESTEX Group now operates more than 25 branches with around 300 employees worldwide (including TESTEX and OETI) from its head office in Zurich. TESTEX is a member institute of the OEKO-TEX® Association and the official representative in Australia, Canada, the P.R. China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland, South Korea and Taiwan. Learn more on testex.com / oeti.biz and [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Testex) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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