



## Questionnaire Fair Fashion Companies – Yumeko

### 1. Textile value chain

- a. To what extent is the origin of the products in relation to
- Suppliers
  - Suppliers of suppliers
  - Raw Material Producers
- transparent and comprehensible?

*Yumeko:* For all products, we show at our website at the product pages details on the country of production (see for example ‘Spezifikationen’> Produktionsland: <https://www.yumeko.de/bio-bettdecken/bio-daunen-bettdecken/daunendecke-deluxe-fruhling-herbst> ). This is the place of final production. Also on the product page, in the explanation ‘Über das Produkt’, we share place of origin for the raw materials. If customers want to know more about the background of products, they can have a look at the Frequently Asked Questions, and are invited to get in touch with our customer care, for example: <https://kundenservice.yumeko.de/de/1552-bettdecken> .

### 2. Production

- a. Are social and ecological standards also guaranteed beyond regional borders?

*Yumeko:* To guarantee social and ecological standards, we cooperate with sustainability labels (Gütesiegel). For each product, we communicate the related label on the product page. In case no external label exists, we have our own assessment, e.g. for very small producers, the administration and costs of an external label are too much. For this assessment we take in account environmental aspects, social aspects and animal welfare aspects. If we think a supplier is suitable, we give their products the label ‘Yumeko says OK’.

- b. Does the entire product range meet high social and ecological standards?

*Yumeko:* See above.

- c. What social standards are defined for the employees?

*Yumeko:* For our own employees at Yumeko headquarters, we have no standards additional to the Dutch law and the Collective Labour Agreement (CLA, or Tarifvertrag(?)).

- d. Which ecological standards are defined?

*Yumeko:* First of all: all materials Yumeko uses, are of natural resources. We do not make use of synthetic materials for our products, with exception for necessities such as zippers, stitching and packaging.



When possible, we make use of organic materials. For example, all our cotton is organic and certified with the GOTS-label. This means that the production process from farmer to final user happens under strict regulations. All other materials are organic is possible, and otherwise checked by our own assessment as mentioned at 2A.

### 3. Company organization

- a. Are there any other brands associated with the company? Do they pursue the same sustainable standards and goals?

*Yumeko: No, Yumeko only sells own products.*

### 4. Textile seals and certifications

- a. Are there independent third parties, such as textile labels, which certify or confirm the sustainable goals and compliance with certain standards?

*Yumeko: Yes, we have several certification schemes. For example GOTS for all our cotton, and where possible also for our wool. For down we make use of 2 different labels, being RDS or Downpass, this depends on the supplier and country of origin.*

*For more information on our labels, please have a look at this page:*

*<https://www.yumeko.de/ueber-yumeko/quetesiegel>*

- b. If not: Why is no third independent organization involved?

*Yumeko: N/a*

- c. If yes: Which ones are used?

*Yumeko: See above.*

- d. In both cases: How is compliance with defined standards in the textile chain checked?

*Yumeko: Third party assessment, but the exact approach differs per certification. In general: suppliers are regularly assessed, mostly every year. Also unannounced visits are possible.*

### 5. Material

- a. Are there realistic targets to make the use of materials 100% sustainable?

*Yumeko: That has been our targets since the start.*

- b. Are synthetic man-made fibres used that are not recycled? If so, why?

*Yumeko: Yes, but in very minor substances. We only use synthetic materials if we have no alternative. Then again, I refer to e.g. zippers and wash-care labels. Labels with*



*care-instructions are synthetic because these are better able to survive severe washing, and this way they are still readable after several years of use.*

**c. Are animal products such as leather or wool used? If so, how is it ensured that the animals do not suffer and are treated appropriately?**

*Yumeko: Yes, at this moment we use down and wool in our products. All our down is assessed by a third party. For wool, also as far as possible. However, we cooperate with some small wool farmers, which have no option to invest time and money in third party assessment, in that case we do the assessment ourselves (see above).*

*If you have any other questions, or prefer more clarification, you can have a look at our website, e.g.:*

*FAQ: <https://kundenservice.yumeko.de/de>*

*Impact Reports: <https://www.yumeko.de/ueber-yumeko/impact-reports>*