



# CERTIFICATE

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GOLS REGISTRATION No: CU 813274

Field of attention:  
Global Organic Latex Standard (GOLS)

Issued to:  
Latex Green Private Ltd.  
Avissawella, SRI LANKA  
Project in: SRI LANKA

Standard:  
Global Organic Latex Standard (GOLS) - Version 2.0

**Valid until: 08 July 2013**

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Date of certification:  
27 July 2012  
Place and date of issue:  
Colombo-07, 27 July 2012



Declared by:

On behalf of the Managing Director

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**Global Organic Latex Standard (GOLS)**

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 SRI LANKA

This certificate, referred to in the licence contract as scope-certificate, covers the following product(s), which meet(s) the GOLS and articles 15 & 16 of the CU Inspection Regulation, which are applicable to the below indicated product category:

Product no.	Name of product	Processing unit(s)
P 069504	Centrifuged Latex	PRC 027922
P 074115	Mattress made with certified organic	PRC 027983
P 074116	Pillow made with certified organic	PRC 027983
P 069529	Sheets made with certified organic	PRC 027983

This certificate covers the following processing unit(s) which meet(s) the GOLS and article 10 of the Control Union Inspection Regulations:

**Processing units**

Unit no.	Name of unit	Unit ref.	Address	Processes
PRC 027983	Latex Green (Pvt.) Ltd.	GOLS-Unit 01	Block E 4, Seethawaka Industrial Park, Avissawella, SRI LANKA	Administration, Compounding, Conditioning, Demoulding, dispatch, drying, export, Fabrication, filling, Forming, Latex Bulking (Storage), mixing, quality check, Testing, washing
PRC 027922	Ellawala Rubber (Pvt) Ltd.	GOLS-Unit 02	Hiriwanne Estate, Ellawala, SRI LANKA	Administration, Ammonisation, centrifuging, dispatch, Latex Bulking (Storage), Magnesium Deposit, Testing

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Authenticated by

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On behalf of the Managing Director

Mr. K.W.D.T. De Silva

Certifier

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**Global Organic  
Latex Standard**



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**Made With Certified Organic**

**LATEX GREEN (PVT) LTD**

**SRI LANKA**

**License No : CU - 813274**

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**Global Organic Latex Standard**

# materials UPDATE

## SLEEP PRODUCTS SUPPLIERS LATEX GREEN AND LATEXCO WEST/SLEEP COMP WEST BRING THE WORLD'S FIRST "CERTIFIED ORGANIC" LATEX BEDDING COMPONENTS TO THE US

Taking a leadership position in discussing "green" as it applies to "organic" latex rubber used in mattress and bedding components,



### Edited by: Dale T. Read, Senior Writer

Within "green" marketing terms, there is a listing of various terms such as "natural, all-natural, eco-friendly, light green" and of course "organic." These various terms have not been clear to mattress manufacturers, retailers or consumers. One term, however, has been defined by both US agencies such as the USDA Natural Organic Program (NOP), and international agencies such as the International Working Group (IWG) for Global Organic Textiles Standards (GOTS); that is the term "Organic."

According to the Specialty Sleep Association Definitions and Terminology guide, "GOTS guidelines state that textile products that claim to be organic or "organic in conversion" require that 95% or more of the fibers must be certified organic (or in conversion) origin. In addition to the above agencies and requirements there are also other international agencies, testing labs, certifications and standards such as European Union (EU), Control Union World Group in the Netherlands, ECO Institute (testing and certification), and the well-known OekoTex standards for natural products and processes.

For the past four years Latex Green (PVT) Ltd has been seeking to take the leadership position in discussing "green" as that term applies to "organic" latex rubber mattress and bedding components. The Sri-Lanka-based company has leveraged its direct links to rubber tree plantations and the company's expertise in latex rubber R&D to embark upon a mission to introduce the world's first "Certified Organic Latex" sleep product. By introducing this 100% Natural latex, with no synthetic blends or fillers added, Latex Green and their US-based distributor Latexco West, have taken a major nature-friendly step forward not only advancing green processes and products, but fully documenting the program as well.

"As the world demands more "eco-friendly" products, our mission becomes broader", states Latex Green's CEO Ana Jayatilleka. "We are determined to become an icon for Natural Latex products in the bedding industry and that will be proven through our actions and documentation."

In order to produce and market 100% pure organic latex in their products, Latex Green has to carefully source latex rubber from certified plantations. This process is a priority for the company. Organic latex rubber plantations need to be maintained free of pesticides and chemical fertilizers at all times. In order to begin this excise, the company had to obtain an organic status for its latex. This process begins at the plantation level; such plantations should be free of pesticides and chemical mixed fertilizers for a minimum of four years. This organic farming method must be inspected, confirmed and accepted by the Control Union World Group of Netherlands (PCU) for an initial review. This organization is the authoritative body for performing organic certifications for USDA/ NOP (Natural organic Program of the US Agriculture department) and for European Union Organic production certification in the region.

### LATEX GREEN (PVT) LTD HAS USDA AND EU ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

As the organic program begins at the plantation, it is essential that a careful study be conducted for converting the traditional plantation to an organic field. This involves the selection of an ideal site, water supply and quality, soil type and crop selection. The importance of selecting an ideal site assures the physical characteristics of the overall field site. This includes the condition of the soil depth, water content, condition and consistency of the airflow throughout the plantation field. The consistent airflow ensures

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the maximum use of carbon dioxide to enhance latex production naturally. (More natural latex produced will help reduce the Carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.)

Soil type refers to the physical composition and properties of the soil. Soils consist of decomposed mineral matter (sand, sediment and clay) and decomposed organic matter. Water quality is equally as important as is soil structure when selecting the field site. The water used in latex irrigation should contain less than 400 ppm soluble deposits. Therefore, it is critical to keep away from water resources containing high levels of toxic elements such as Boron or Aluminum. All these factors will influence the harvest of well-balanced Natural Organic latex material that will be inline with the guidelines laid out by USDA/ NOP & EU standards.

The process controls do not stop at this level. The certified latex will be bulked-tanked, centrifuged and then transported to the factory for production. This course of action is handled by various equipment and facilities that are exclusively assigned for organic latex storage and processing in order to ensure the organic status. Furthermore, to maintain the authenticity of the product, the production of latex cores, toppers and pillows are made in a production line that is has been designated exclusively for organic product.

"Based on our company philosophy, we have been working for many years to promote naturally grown raw materials in an environment-friendly way. The organic latex project was a great accomplishment and a new benchmark for our R&D performance "says the head of R&D Dedunu Gunathilaka. The dedicated team has proven its ultimate skill and experience by making the new organic and the existing 100% Natu-

ral product recognized by Oeko-Tex-100 standard, with Class-01 certification. Latex Green (PVT) Ltd is one of the very few latex manufacturers in the world who earned the Class-01 status confirming that their product meets the human ecological requirements of the standard presently established for baby articles. This was another great achievement for Latex Green products. Moreover, Latex Green has obtained ECO recognition certifying their product as being a pure Natural latex product without adding fillers or synthetic material in the compounds. The test laboratory, LGA-Germany awarded 100 points out of 100 for product's resilience characteristics, which is even further recognition for the product.

There are 16 quality control checkpoints throughout the process ensuring product quality, starting from raw latex to the final product. The newly introduced bar-coding system ensures the product count accuracy at loading and has the ability to trace back product quality up to its raw material stage. This is a new in-house development performed by the team. Going one-step further, Latex Green is now equipped with body pressure mapping facility and every mattress of Organic Latex being labeled with pressure readings. Furthermore, the company has taken the initiative to introduce non-Poly packaging material for the new organic latex cores & toppers, ensuring the total offering to be more nature friendly.

According to the Marketing Director, Mithra Weerasinghe, this was a trial launch of a well-designed project with three phases to be added over the next three years. The first step was a selective, soft announcement in the US of a certified organic latex product through their distributor associate, Latexco West/ Sleep Comp West. This initial launch brought an overwhelming response

and demand for the product. Due to requirements and limitations of certified organic plantations, the increasing demand quickly exceeded the supply potential. However, Weerasinghe points out that there is another plantation already in conversion to organic status, which will add more capacity in the very near future.

"We believe that the launch of the Natural Organic Latex product line will help to clarify the definition of the word "Green" at the purest level in the years to come says Weersinghe.

Roger Coffey, president of Latexco West/ Sleep Comp West states that "I have been a distributor of Latex Green since they poured their first core. In my 30-plus years in the foam industry, I have never experienced a better partner on the supply side of the industry. They have been an excellent supplier of the 100% natural latex cores and have been on the cutting edge of product development utilizing the newest manufacturing techniques. Their dedication to understanding consumer needs have made our company a more valued supplier to our customers. This certified organic product has been requested for many years and we are privileged to be the exclusive supplier in the US."

Speaking of Latex Green's customers and partners, Weerasinghe notes, "We are grateful for the continuous support & cooperation received from customers such as Sleep Comp West, FIBEX, the Englander Group, and JeffCo, to name a few. They have made Latex Green's natural latex program a real success over the years. We have a passion for "Nature," therefore every effort to maximize our efforts to protect the environment is critical to our purpose and our mission as a supplier of superior mattress and bedding components."

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Natural Rubber  
Latex Mattress Block



January, 2010

Dear Earth,

We need to protect you from Global Warming if we are to continue to live safely on your planet .

....Having promoted a 100% Natural latex product for sleeping, LATEX GREEN now Introduces the Worlds' First Certified Natural Organic Latex mattresses & pillows as our commitment to help reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions of the atmosphere.

...We invite our industry associates to use more Natural & Organic Latex products as a commitment to delaying the consequences of climate change and to ensure the sustainability of mother nature.....

.....Our efforts towards a Greener environment continues.....

Sincere regards,

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May 1, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

To answer your questions regarding the content and processing of our **Organic Latex**. The main ingredients used in the manufacturing are as follows . . .

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| 1. Organic Latex Rubber | - 90-95% |
| 2. Zinc Oxide           | - 2-3%   |
| 4. Fatty Acid Soaps     | - 1-2%   |
| 5. Sulfur               | - 1-2%   |
| 6. Sodium               | - 1-2%   |

Item 1 is pure, organic rubber harvested exclusively from the "Hevea Brasiliensis" tree, which grows primarily in South-East Asia.

Item 2 thru 5 are essential to the vulcanization, foaming and curing process that all latex cores must go through. The finished core is then washed to remove any residuals that may be left over after curing. The finished product is then 98 + % pure organic latex rubber.

I hope this answers most of your questions. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,



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Sales Manager