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Radici Yarn SpA awarded for 20 years of Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 certification.

**Radici Yarn SpA - a RadiciGroup company and leading European manufacturer of a vast range of nylon yarn and staple fibre for apparel, technical and industrial applications – is among the 33 companies in the fashion textiles sector that have received an award for being certified to Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 for 20 years. The award ceremony was held yesterday, 21 June, at MUDEC in Milan.**

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Following last year's event at the MA\*GA Museum, during which Noyfil SpA and Noyfil SA (RadiciGroup company leaders in the production of polyester yarn headed by CEO Oscar Novali) were recognized for being certified to Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 for 20 years, at this year's Oeko-Tex® award ceremony organized by the Varese Chamber of Commerce, **Radici Yarn SpA** was one of the honourees. The Bergamo-based RadiciGroup company – founded in 1974 and today engaged in the manufacture of nylon yarn and staple fibre – was among the 33 firms who received an award yesterday for 20 years of certification to Oeko Tex® Standard 100, currently the world's most well known and highly regarded voluntary eco-friendly label for textile products.

“This is an important recognition for our company,” **Oscar Novali**, *CEO of Radici Yarn SpA*, commented. “It's an award that testifies to our commitment to monitor the safety of our products constantly using a scientific method. Observing the requirements of Oeko-Tex® means that we offer the maximum guarantee to the final user; it means that we can relate to our customers and the market in a transparent manner and guarantee accurate and reliable information on the products we supply. And this is clearly an added value that our company offers the market.

Among the attendees of the award ceremony at the Museum of Culture in Milan was **Filippo Bona**, *R&D manager of Radici Yarn*. “Our customers' attention to environmental certification,

particularly concerning consumer health, has increased greatly in the last few years, as has the interest of all operators in the apparel textiles production and supply chain.”

“The speed of change in textile safety issues requires us to be continuously updated,” Mr. Bona continued. “It is essential that we carefully analyse every new development. For this reason, we interface directly with the various trade associations, research institutions, certification bodies and everyone who is directly involved in our production chain in order to constantly improve the environmental performance and safety of our products. The performance must be scientifically measurable and comparable: only in this way can we be truly reliable.”

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**Confidence in Textiles** has been the motto of the independent testing for harmful substances according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 for textile products of all types, which pose no risk whatsoever to health since 1992.



The OEKO-TEX® label indicates the additional benefits of tested safety for skin-friendly clothing and other textiles to interested end users. The OEKO-TEX® test label therefore provides an important decision-making tool for purchasing textiles.

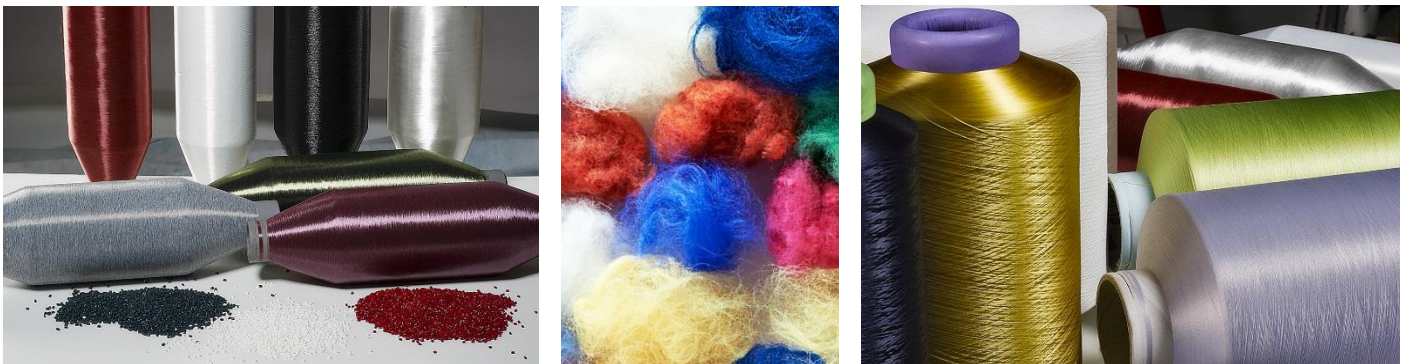
**Why OEKO-TEX®?** OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 was introduced at the beginning of the 1990s in response to the demand of the general public for textiles which are harmless to health. “Poison in textiles” and other negative headlines were widespread at this time and indiscriminately branded all chemicals used in textile manufacturing as negative and dangerous to health.

The demands we make of modern textile products cannot be realised without the use of specific chemical substances, however. Modern colours, easy care properties, long useful life and many other functional properties of textiles are required today and can be indispensable for certain applications (e.g., for workwear).

Before the introduction of OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 there was neither a reliable product label for the assessment of the human ecological quality of textiles for consumers nor a uniform safety standard for manufacturers in the textile and clothing industry allowing practical assessment of potential harmful substances in textile products.

The Austrian Textile Research Institute (ÖTI) and the German Hohenstein Research Institute have therefore jointly developed OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 on the basis of their existing test standards. (Source: <https://www.oeko-tex.com>)

**Radici Yarn and its products...** From **RADILON®** raw and solution-dyed polyamide 6 and 6.6 yarn to **RADILON® STAPLE FIBRE** and **DORIX®** polyamide 6 staple fibre. From **RADILON® 6.10** and **DORIX® 6.10** eco-sustainable PA 6.10 yarn and staple fibre to **RADITECK® FINE** high-tenacity fine-count polyamide 6.6 yarn. There are countless uses and applications for this wide range of products manufactured by Radici Yarn. Hosiery, knitwear, woven fabric, bandages, narrow fabric and needle felt fabric. On top of that, technical and industrial textiles. Radici Yarn yarn and staple fibre can be found in the garments we wear, in the furnishings in our homes, in our automobiles and in many other things that surround us ... Moreover, Radici Yarn is engaged in the production of nylon polymer, the raw material necessary to make its products.



In addition to its Italian sites, Radici Yarn can count on two important foreign production facilities belonging to the Group: **S.C. Yarnea S.R.L.**, a company located in Savinesti, Romania, active in the manufacture and processing of PA 6 and 6.6 yarn, and the German **Radici Chemiefaser GmbH**, a European leader in the manufacture and sale of polyamide 6 staple fibre products. Today Radici Yarn is a recognized player in the European synthetic fibres market and a reference point for some important markets outside Europe, especially Central and South America.

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**RADICIGROUP** - With 2,985 employees, sales revenue of EUR 1.011 billion and a global network of production and sales units located in Europe, North America, South America and Asia, RadiciGroup is a world leading manufacturer of a wide range of chemical intermediates, polyamide polymers, engineering plastics, synthetic fibres and nonwovens. The Group capitalizes on its excellence and know-how in chemicals to develop and realize products for numerous applications in a variety of industrial sectors, including: AUTOMOTIVE, APPAREL, FURNISHINGS, SPORT, ELECTRICAL / ELECTRONICS, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, CONSUMER GOODS and CONSTRUCTION. The Group, with its business areas – **Specialty Chemicals, Performance Plastics and Synthetic Fibres & Nonwovens** (Performance Yarn, Comfort Fibres and Extrusion Yarn) –, is part of a [larger industrial group](#) that also includes the textile machinery, energy and hotel businesses.

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