



Soil Association Statement; Natural Latex

'The Soil Association's organic textile standards require that organic fibres be used where possible. These fibres must be grown and processed to organic standards.

However it's recognised that on occasion there is functional justification for the use of non-organic components (fibre and non-fibre). These can be considered as 'accessories' or 'additional materials' making up part of the main product. These non organic components meet strict criteria in terms of materials and chemical residues and must not exceed more than 5% of the overall fibre content in a product labelled as Organic.

In the case of latex, although there is limited supply of this from rubber trees which have been grown according to organic standards, to the best of our knowledge there is no latex available which has been processed according to organic standards. Therefore any latex used in an organic product, would be classed as an 'accessory' or 'additional material' and must meet the requirements above for non organic components'

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