

# Product category rules Part B – for surface coatings

## General product category rules for environmental product declarations according to EN ISO 14025 and EN 15804

according to the program operation for the preparation of  
environmental product declarations (EPD) of the  
ift Rosenheim

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### Note

The present document is only a rough translation. In case of doubt, the German version  
applies.

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## 1 Preliminary remark

The product category rules of the ift Rosenheim are divided into two parts and marked accordingly. Part A contains general product category rules, while this part B contains product group-specific rules. The valid versions can be obtained from ift Rosenheim.

## 2 Product category rules

### 2.1 Content

This PCR defines for specific product groups:

- Rules for the preparation of environmental product declarations (EPD) for surface coatings according to RL 2004/42/EG, waxes and oils according to ÖNORM C 2380, laminating agent.

### 2.2 Verification, validation and release of the PCR

The committee of experts “ift-EPD and PCR” performs the validation and thus vouches for its correctness.

Interested Parties involved in the PCR assessment:

- Ift Rosenheim

This PCR document with the document number PCR-BP-2.2 was validated and released by the committee of experts (CE) of the ift Rosenheim GmbH. The PCR document is valid according to ISO 14025, EN 15804 and the ift guideline NA-01, five years.

Tracking of the editing / revisions:

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### 3 General product information

#### 3.1 Product description / Product definition

The declared products must be described.

In doing so, the trade name of the products / product groups (including any product codes) to which the EPD applies must be stated in addition to a general product description. If it is not reasonably possible to name the products / product groups, e.g. in the context of association EPDs, the product description must clearly delimit the products / product groups to which the EPD applies.

Exemplary information:

- Coating systems and maintenance products according to RL 2004/42/EG:
- Waxes and oils e.g. according ÖNORM C 2380
- Wood preservatives according to RL 98/8/EG
- Coating systems for interior wood according to DIN 68861 or EN 927
- Coating systems on interior mineral substrates according to EN 13300 or EN 1062

#### 3.2 Scope

These product category rules (PCR-BP-2.2) can be applied to:

- Coating systems and maintenance products according to RL 2004/42/EG:
- Waxes and oils e.g. according ÖNORM C 2380
- Wood preservatives according to RL 98/8/EG
- Coating systems for interior wood according to DIN 68861
- Coating systems for exterior wood according EN 927
- Paints and varnishes - Coating of aluminum and aluminum alloys for architectural purposes according to EN 12206-1
- Coating systems on interior mineral substrates according to EN 13300
- Coating systems on exterior mineral substrates according to EN 1062
- Coating systems for steel components according to EN ISO 12944-5
- Laminating agents

#### 3.3 Application

Brief description of the scope of the declared products.

Example:

A coating is applied as a firmly adhering layer of shapeless material to the surface of a workpiece, e.g. to protect against corrosion.

### 3.4 Quality assurance and management systems (optional)

In order to guarantee the quality assurance of the product, certification systems can be used. Within the framework of the EPD, information can optionally be provided on quality assurance or QMS and EMS.

Exemplary information:

ift product certification

- QM 359 VOC emissions from construction products

Management systems

- Quality management DIN EN ISO 9001
- Environmental management DIN EN ISO 14001
- Energy management DIN EN ISO 50001
- Occupational health and safety management BS OHSAS 18001
- Integrated Management system (IMS)

#### Note

Existing data, e.g. from EMSs (environmental balances), can facilitate data collection in life cycle assessments.

### 3.5 Technical data / performance of the product

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**Table 1** Characteristics and performance in the product category

	Characteristics and performance*	Unit
Obligation**1,2,4	Gross density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Obligation**4	Grammage	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Obligation**2,4	consumption	l/m <sup>2</sup>
Obligation**1,2,3	yield	m <sup>2</sup>
Optional	VOC-content	% or g/l
	If applicable, further	

\* The reference product is described in the EPD with the mandatory information. The product characteristics can be given in a range to describe the reference product.

\*\* The mandatory information refers to the corresponding declared unit (<sup>1</sup> kg, <sup>2</sup> l, <sup>3</sup> kg/m<sup>3</sup>, <sup>4</sup> m<sup>2</sup>)

## 4 Raw materials

### 4.1 Information on SVHC according to PCR Part A

If products to which this PCR applies contain substances of very high concern (SVHC), these must be indicated in the EPD.

### 4.2 Additional information

The essential technical information on the product(s) or a reference to it shall be provided for the architect.

When considering the entire life cycle (cradle to grave), the product characteristics must be stated on the basis of the physical properties of the building or a reference to them.

Within the framework of the EPD, further information on building certification systems can be provided.

Example:

The physical properties of the window can be found in the CE label or in the accompanying documentation.

## 5 Life cycle assessment

For the preparation of an EPD, a life cycle assessment according to ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 is prepared as a basis. The data on which the life cycle assessment is based should be precise, complete and consistent. This life cycle assessment must be representative of the products presented in the declaration. The scope and limits of the life cycle assessment must be specified.

### 5.1 Functional unit

The functional unit indicates the quantified benefit of a product system used as a comparison unit (see EN 15804).

### 5.2 Declared unit

Declared products must be described and optionally represented graphically (e.g. CAD drawing). A functional or declared unit to which the EPD data refer must be specified.

The following declared unit must be specified:

- Kg, l or kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Laminating agents in m<sup>3</sup>

Example:

The functional unit for coating systems and care products is given as a weight in kg with a gross density in kg/m<sup>3</sup> and a yield in m<sup>2</sup>.

If another unit is chosen, it has to be explained.

### 5.3 Geographical and time-related system boundaries

General information according to PCR Part A.

Example:

Reference period Year 2009-2010

Reference area Europe

## 5.4 Scope / System boundaries

Example care products:

### **Cradle to Gate according to EN 15804+A1:**

The system boundaries include the extraction of raw materials, the manufacture of the care products and the assembly of the individual components to the finished packaged care products at the factory gate.

### **Cradle to Gate according to EN 15804+A2:**

The system boundaries include the extraction of raw materials, the manufacture of the care products and the assembly of the individual components to the finished packaged of the care products at the factory gate as well as the ablation, deposition and material and thermal recycling of the products.

### **Note:**

In the case of construction products and materials that are permitted as exceptions according to EN 15804+A2, the information on disposal may be omitted.

### **Cradle to Grave according to EN 15804+A1:**

The system boundaries also include the installation, use, deconstruction, disposal and material and energy recovery of the care products.

### **Cradle to Grave according to EN 15804+A2:**

The system boundaries also include the stage-of-life-phases application and use.

## 5.5 Reference service life (RSL)

It applies EN 15804.

## 5.6 Information on the product life cycle

Regulations to be observed during the life cycle:

Exemplary information:

Product manufacture:

- Product standard
- Applicable certification programs

Construction stage:

- Assembly guideline / instruction



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### Use stage:

- Information on the useful life
- Information on VOC emissions (certification programmes)
- Information on use

### End-of-Life stage:

- Recycling initiatives or normal recovery and disposal systems
- Recycling rates in line with the industry standard
- Legal requirements for recovery

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