

# eco-INSTITUT-Label

## Test criteria: Flooring and panels based on renewable or mineral materials

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Laborprüfung  
Laboratory testing  
Zertifizierung  
Certification



### A Basic requirements

- Full declaration of materials
- Minimisation requirements for substances with dangerous properties according to dangerous substances regulations.
- Compliance with requirements for harmful substances (refer to **C laboratory examinations**)
- Compliance with the provisions of the European (e.g. REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 and Biocidal Products Regulation (EU) 528/2012) and German chemicals legislation
- Materials with the following classifications may not be used in the product:

Substances according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 Category Carc. 1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B

Substances according to national law (TRGS 905): Category K1A and K1B, M1A and M1B, R1A and R1B

Substances according to MAK lists III1 and III2

Substances according to IARC groups 1 and 2A

Substances requiring official approval as per Appendix XIV of the REACH regulations

Substances of very high concern according to REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, Article 59, paragraph 1 (SVHC, Candidate List)

POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) according to Regulation (EC) No 850/2004

Arsenic, lead, cadmium, mercury and compounds

Organic compounds of tin

Antimony trioxide

HFC

Organophosphates

Organic halogenated compounds

Pyrethroids

Phthalic acid esters, Terephthalic acid esters (apart from PET), DINCH

- Substances with the following classification (H-phrase) must not be used in the product<sup>1</sup>:

| Description                        |  | H-Statement  |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Fatal                              | Fatal if swallowed.  | H300         |
|                                    | Fatal in contact with skin.  | H310         |
|                                    | Fatal if inhaled.  | H330         |
| Toxic                              | Toxic if swallowed.  | H301         |
|                                    | Toxic in contact with skin.  | H311         |
|                                    | Toxic if inhaled.  | H331         |
| Specific target organ toxicity     | Cause damage to organs.  | H370         |
|                                    | May cause damage to organs.  | H371         |
|                                    | Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.            | H372         |
|                                    | May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.         | H373         |
| Sensitization of respiratory tract | May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. | H334         |
| Carcinogenicity                    | May cause cancer.  | H350         |
|                                    | Suspected of causing cancer.   | H351         |
| Mutagenicity                       | May cause genetic defects.   | H340         |
|                                    | Suspected of causing genetic defects.                                      | H341         |
| Reproductive toxicity              | May damage fertility or the unborn child.                                  | H360         |
|                                    | Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.                       | H361         |
|                                    | May cause harm to breast-fed children.                                     | H362         |
| Acute hazardous to water           | Very toxic to aquatic life.  | H400         |
| Chronically hazardous to water     | Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.                      | H410         |
|                                    | Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.                           | H411 (> 1 %) |
| Hazardous to ozone layer           | Hazardous to the ozone layer.  | EUH 059      |

## B Special requirements

- Tropical timber may only be used if it comes from sustainable forestry (proof: FSC).
- Photoinitiators are allowed in coating agents.
- The use of isocyanates is only permitted if the final polymerization takes place in the factory and the product does not release any monomeric isocyanates (proof: emission test).
- The proportion of renewable or mineral raw materials in the product must be at least 50 m%.

<sup>1</sup> For homogeneous substance mixtures, all input substances > 0.1 % (except for H411) are evaluated. For articles, the overall classification of the input substance or substance mixture (e.g. adhesive, varnish, etc.) is evaluated.  
Inputs that have critical hazard characteristics (H-phrases) due to respirable wood dusts or mineral dusts are allowed, provided the overall product does not have a critical hazard characteristic.  
Input materials with critical hazard characteristics (H-phrases) for which a requirement value is defined in the laboratory test are permissible, provided that the requirement for emission behaviour or content is met and the requirement value was derived from the property that the H-phrases also addresses.

## C Laboratory examinations

| Timber flooring, laminate, panels   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Test parameter  | Requirements   | Test method  |
| <b>Emission test</b>  |  |  |
| TVOC (total volatile organic compounds)   | $\leq 3000 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (3 days after test chamber loading)<br>$\leq 300 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading) | DIN EN 16516<br>DIN ISO 16000-6, DIN EN ISO 16000-9<br><br>Test chamber conditions: cf. testing manual |
| VOC (incl. VVOC and SVOC) with the following categorisations:<br>Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Category Carc. 1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B; TRGS 905: K1A, K1B, M1A, M1B, R1A, R1B; IARC: Group 1 and 2A; DFG (MAK list): Categories III1, III2 | $\leq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (3 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| VOC (sum) without NIK   | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| VOC (individual values):  |  |  |
| Sum of bicyclic terpenes  | $\leq 200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Sum of sensitising materials with the following categorisations:<br>DFG (MAK lists): Category IV, TRGS 907  | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Sum of VOC (incl. VVOC and SVOC) with the following categorisations:<br>Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Category Carc. 2, Muta. 2, Repr. 2; TRGS 905: K2, M2, R2; IARC: Group 2B; DFG (MAK list): Category III3  | $\leq 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| Sum C9 – C14 Alkanes / Isoalkanes   | $\leq 200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Sum C4 – C11 Aldehydes, acyclic, aliphatic  | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Sum C6 – C15 Alkyl benzenes   | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Sum Cresols   | $\leq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Sum Xylenes   | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| VOC (individual substances):  |  |  |
| Methylisothiazolinone (MIT)   | $\leq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Octylisothiazolinone (OIT)  | $\leq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Benzaldehyde  | $\leq 20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| 2-Ethyl-1-hexanol, Ethylene glycol mono-butyl ether, 2-Hexoxyethanol<br>(Requirements per single substance)   | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| 2-Butoxyethyl acetate   | $\leq 200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Glycol ethers with insufficient data <sup>2</sup><br>(Requirements per single substance)  | 0.005 ppm (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| Propane-1,2-diol  | $\leq 60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| 2-Phenoxyethanol  | $\leq 30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| Phenol  | $\leq 20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| Benzothiazole <sup>3</sup>  | $\leq 15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |
| Ethyl acetate (VVOC)  | $\leq 600 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| TSVOC (total semi-volatile organic compounds)   | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   |  |
| R-value   | $\leq 1.0$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |  |

<sup>2</sup> cf. announcement of the Federal Environment Agency: guideline values for glycol ethers and glycol esters in indoor air, Bundesgesundheitsblatt, February 2013, Volume 56, Issue 2, pp 286-320.

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary, exceeding the limit does not lead to devaluation at present

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| Test parameter  | Requirements   | Test method                                     |
| <b>Emission test</b>  |  |   |
| Isocyanate monomers (only when utilising relevant substances)   | $\leq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (TDI, HDI)<br>$\leq 2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (MDI)<br>(24 hours after test chamber loading) | Extraction, HPLC/UV detection                   |
| Ammonia (only smoked products)  | $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)   | UV/VIS spectrometric analysis                   |
| Formaldehyde  | $\leq 24 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  | DIN EN 16516, DIN ISO 16000-3                   |
| Acetaldehyde  | $\leq 24 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (28 days after test chamber loading)  |   |
| Odour   | $\leq$ Grade 4 (3 days after test chamber loading)<br>$\leq$ Grade 3 (28 days after test chamber loading at the latest)      | cf. testing manual                              |
| <b>Content analysis<sup>4</sup></b>   |  |   |
| AOX (adsorbable organic halogenated compounds)  | $\leq 1.0 \text{ mg}/\text{kg}$  | DIN EN ISO 9562                                 |
| EOX (extractable organic halogenated compounds)   | $\leq 2 \text{ mg}/\text{kg}$  | following DIN 38414-S17                         |
| Phthalates (sum)<br>DMP, DEP, DPP, DBP, BBP, DEHP, DNOP, DIBP, BMEP, DHP, DNPP, DIPP, PIPP, DINP, DIDP, DIHP, DHNUP     | $\leq 100 \text{ mg}/\text{kg}$  | following DIN EN 15777                          |
| Terephthalate DEHT  | $\leq 100 \text{ mg}/\text{kg}$  | following DIN EN 15777                          |
| Diisononyl cyclohexane-1,2-dicarboxylate, DINCH   | $\leq 100 \text{ mg}/\text{kg}$  | following DIN EN 15777                          |
| Organotin compounds<br>Surface coating (requirements per single substance)<br>TBT, DBT, TeBT, MBT, MOT, DOT, TcyT, TPhT | $\leq 0.05 \text{ mg}/\text{kg}$   | Extraction, analysis following DIN EN ISO 17353 |

<sup>4</sup> If there are indications that the basic requirements (exclusion of the substance groups listed there) are not met or if there is insufficient information on the substances used, additional content analysis may be necessary.