

Procedure for environmental requirements for products: Carpets, ceilings and cables

For each product group, a number of absolute requirements and a number of recommended requirements have been set up.

The absolute requirements must be met when purchasing products, and the supplier must sign a declaration (as part of the contract, if required) to the effect that such requirements have been met. Some of the absolute requirements are statutory EU requirements; however, they are specified in the contract as they are typically problem areas.

The recommended requirements are recommendations that are weighted positively in the choice between competing products.

Geographic delimitation: The business procedure applies to purchases for the entire Group, but is implemented gradually.

Product group: Carpets

Absolute requirements

- The supplier must have an environmental management system according to ISO 14001 or EMAS and be able to document it.
- Carpets must not contain azo-dyes, which may split off carcinogenic amines (cf. Appendix 1).

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Products supplied by suppliers who accept old carpets for reuse.

Product group: Ceilings

Absolute requirements

- The supplier must have an environmental management system according to ISO 14001 or EMAS and be able to document it.

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Products supplied by suppliers who accept old ceilings for reuse.

Product group: Cables

Absolute requirements

- Sheathing and insulation material must not contain PVC or neoprene/chloroprene.
- Sheathing and insulation material must not contain halogens, heavy metals or chloroparaffins.
- The metal conductor must not be tin-coated.

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Products from suppliers who have an environmental management system according to ISO 14001 or EMAS.
- Products containing the same type of plastic in insulation material and sheathing.

Appendix 1: Azo-dyes

Azo-dyes which may split off any of the following aromatic amines must not be used:

4-aminodiphenyl (92-67-1)
Benzidine (92-87-5)
4-chlor-o-toluidine (95-69-2)
2-naphthylamine (91-59-8)
o-amino-azotoluene (97-56-3)
2-amino-4-nitrotoluene (99-55-8)
p-chloraniline (106-47-8)
2,4-diaminoanisole (615-05-4)
4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane (101-77-9)
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3,3'-dichlorbenzidine (91-94-1)
3,3'-dimethoxybenzidine (119-90-4)
3,3'-dimethylbenzidine (119-93-7)
3,3'-dimethyl-4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane (838-88-0)
p-cresidine (120-71-8)
4,4'-methylene-bis-(2-chloraniline) (101-14-4)
4,4'-oxydianiline (101-80-4)
4,4'-thiodianiline (139-65-1)
o-toluidine (95-53-4)
2,4-diaminotoluene (95-80-7)
2,4,5-trimethylaniline (137-17-7)
4-aminoazobenzene (60-09-3)
o-anisidine (90-04-0)

Assessment and verification: The supplier must submit a declaration to the effect that the products do not contain the above dyes.