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Business procedures for environmental requirements for products: Merchandise

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

The absolute requirements must be met when products are purchased, 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.

Product group: Merchandise – clothing and textiles

Absolute requirements

- Clothing and textiles must not contain azo dyes (cf. Appendix 1).
- Clothing and textiles must not contain dyes that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (cf. Appendix 2).
- Clothing and textiles must not contain allergenic perfume substances (cf. Appendix 3).
- Plastic imprints on clothing and textiles must not contain polyvinylchloride (PVC) or phthalates.
- The following chemicals must not be used and are prohibited in other chemicals used for the manufacturing of the product:
 - alkylphenoxyethoxylates (APEO),
 - linear alkyl benzene sulphonates (LAS),
 - bis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl) dimethylammonium chloride (DTDMAC),
 - distearyl dimethyl ammonium chloride (DSDMAC),
 - di(hardened tallow) dimethylammonium chloride (DHTDMAC),
 - ethylene diamine tetra acetate (EDTA), and
 - diethylene triamine penta acetate(DTPA)
- No zips, buttons or other metal objects in the clothes may contain nickel.

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Clothing and textiles that bear the EU eco-label, the Flower, or the Nordic eco-label, the Swan. These labels guarantee that clothing and textiles are among the most environment-friendly on the market.
- Clothing and textiles that bear the Eco-Tex 100 label, ensuring that the textiles are free from a range of substances that are harmful to human health.
- Clothing labelled with the Swedish KRAV, the Dutch SKAL or the German INV. These labels cover requirements for the use of fertilisers and spray in wool and cotton farming.

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Product group: Merchandise - leather goods**Absolute requirements**

- Leather goods must not contain arsen, cadmium or lead residue.
- The average chromium (VI) concentration in leather must not exceed 3 ppm.
- Leather goods must not contain azo dyes (cf. Appendix 1).
- Leather goods must not contain dyes that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (cf. Appendix 2).
- The following chemicals must not be used and are prohibited in other chemicals used for the manufacturing of the product:
 - alkylphenoethoxylates (APEO),
 - linear alkyl benzene sulphonates (LAS),
 - bis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl) dimethylammonium chloride (DTDMAC),
 - distearyl dimethyl ammonium chloride (DSDMAC),
 - di(hardened tallow) dimethylammonium chloride (DHTDMAC),
 - ethylene diamine tetra acetate (EDTA), and
 - diethylene triamine penta acetate (DTPA)

- No zips, buttons or other metal objects in the product may contain nickel.

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Leather goods that bear the Nordic eco-label, the Swan.

Product group: Merchandise - toys**Absolute requirements**

- Toys must not contain PVC and phthalates.
- Toys must not contain perfume substances.
- Toys must not contain azo dyes (cf. Appendix 1).
- Toys must not be treated with brominated flame retardants.
- Teddy bears and soft toys must be prewashed to remove chemical residues.

To the extent that toys contain textiles and leather goods, reference is made to the requirements for such textiles and goods.

Product group: Merchandise - other advertising items

As advertising items cover many different types of items, only a few instructions are given here. For new product types, additional environmental information can be found cf. business procedures for environmental requirements for suppliers and products.

Absolute requirements

- Advertising items must not contain PVC and phthalates.
- Advertising items must not contain nickel.
- Ink in felt tips and markers must be water-based.
- Ink in felt tips and markers must be free from aromatic and chlorinated compounds.

Recommended requirements

The following requirements may be made:

- Advertising items must bear eco-labels.
- Writing utensils must be made of plastic (not PVC) instead of metal.

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Product group: Merchandise - foodstuffs**Absolute requirements**

- Applicable law on foodstuffs must be complied with, including legislation on additives, packaging and declaration of contents in foodstuffs.
- Production site and origin of the foodstuffs must be known and disclosed to Danske Bank.

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Foodstuffs that bear an eco-label.

Appendix 1: Azo dyes

Azo dyes that may decompose into any one 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)
EN Official Journal of the European Communities, 18.5.2002 L 133/36.
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'-methylen-bis-(2-chloraniline) (101-14-4)
4,4'-oxydianilin (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 applicant must provide a declaration of non-use of these dyes.

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Appendix 2: Dyes that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction

a) The following dyes must not be used:

- C.I. Basic Red 9
- C.I. Disperse Blue 1
- C.I. Acid Red 26
- C.I. Basic Violet 14
- C.I. Disperse Orange 11
- C. I. Direct Black 38
- C. I. Direct Blue 6
- C. I. Direct Red 28
- C. I. Disperse Yellow 3

b) No use is allowed of dye substances or of dye preparations containing more than 0.1 % by weight of substances that are assigned or may be assigned at the time of application any of the following risk phrases (or combinations thereof):

- R40 (limited evidence of carcinogenic effect)
- R45 (may cause cancer)
- R46 (may cause heritable genetic damage)
- R49 (may cause cancer by inhalation)
- R60 (may impair fertility)
- R61 (may cause harm to the unborn child)
- R62 (possible risk of impaired fertility)
- R63 (possible risk of harm to the unborn child)
- R68 (possible risk of irreversible effects)

as laid down in Council Directive 67/548/EEC of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, and its subsequent amendments. OJ L 196 of 16.8.1967, p. 1.

Appendix 3: Allergenic perfume substances

Alpha isomethyl Ionone
Amyl cinnamal
Amylcinnamyl alcohol
Anisyl alcohol
Benzyl alcohol
Benzyl benzoate
Benzyl cinnamat
Benzyl salicylate
Butylphenyl methylpropional
Cinnamal
Cinnamyl alcohol
Citral
Citronellol
Coumarin
d-Limonene
Eugenol
Evernia prunastri (oak moss extract)
Evernia Furfuracea (treemoss extract)
Farnesol
Geraniol
Hexyl cinnamal
Hydroxycitronellal
Hydroxyisohexyl 3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde
Isoeugenol
Linalool
Methyl 2-octynoate

