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Business procedures for environmental requirements for products: Merchandise

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.

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 perfume substances.
- 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:
 - alkylphenolethoxylates (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),
 - diethylene triamine penta acetate(DTPA)
 - Fluorinated organic compounds, such as PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid and salts/esters thereof), PFOS (perfluorooctyl sulphonate and its compounds), PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene), etc.
- 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 labelled with EU Eco-label or the Nordic Eco-label.
- Clothing and textiles labelled with the Eco-Tex 100 label.

Product group: Merchandise - leather goods

Absolute requirements

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- 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 repro-duction (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)
 - Fluorinated organic compounds, such as PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid and salts/esters thereof), PFOS (perfluorooctyl sulphonate and its compounds), PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene), etc.
- 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 labelled with the official ecolabel the Nordic Ecolabel.

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.

Recommended requirements

The following requirements may be made:

- Toys labelled with the official ecolabel the Nordic Ecolabel.
- Does not contain Bisphenol A

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.

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- Ink in felt tips and markers must be free from aromatic and chlorinated compounds.

Recommended requirements

The following requirements may be made:

- Advertising items labelled with an official eco-label.
- Writing utensils must be made of plastic (not PVC) instead of metal.
- Does not contain Bisphenol A

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 labelled with an organic eco-label (as example Ø-Mærket or EU Organic 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)
- 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)
- 2,4-Xylidine (95-68-1)
- 2,6-Xylidine (87-62-7)

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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.