



**EPEAT Clarification #27  
Packaging 90% compostable/recyclable**

**This Clarification applies to the following IEEE Standards and criteria:**

**Applicable Standards:**

- IEEE 1680.1 – Computers and Displays
- IEEE 1680.2 – Imaging Equipment
- IEEE 1680.3 – Televisions

**Applicable Criteria (enter here):**

- 4.8.2.2
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**PVC Determination:**

Criterion 4.8.2.2 (Optional – Packaging 90% compostable/recyclable) for both the Imaging Equipment and Televisions standards requires documentation supporting recyclable material claims from governmental or non-governmental organizations. The criterion further states that such documentation cannot be from a material trade association. With regards to this criterion, the PVC would define “material trade association” as an association of people or companies organized to promote the manufacture, collection, management, processing or recycling of a material. Therefore, documentation of recycling rates from a trade association of plastics manufacturers or a trade association of plastics recyclers would not be acceptable. It is the PVC’s opinion that independence is the key factor; documentation must be provided from a source that does not have an economic interest in the material or its supply chain.

**Background information:**

Several questions were posed by Subscribers recently regarding Criterion 4.8.2.2 (Optional – Packaging 90% compostable/recyclable) for both the Imaging Equipment and Televisions standards. In the verification requirements for this criterion, documentation supporting recyclable material claims must be provided “*that is applicable to the country in which the product is declared, from a governmental or non-governmental organization, but not a material trade association...*” The question which was asked related to the definition of material trade association. Would documentation of recycling rates from a trade association of plastics manufacturers be acceptable? Would documentation of recycling rates from a trade association of plastics recyclers be acceptable?

**Change History:**

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