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Get Involved: EPEAT Product ID Task Force

Purchasers often use the word "easy" to describe EPEAT. Surveys conducted earlier this year revealed an additional feature that could make EPEAT even easier: being able to search by Product ID.

A Registry software update in Fall 2014 enabled this functionality, and products can now be found by Purchasers who search for Manufacturer Part Numbers or other unique identifiers. However, in spite of the efforts of several Participating Manufacturers, the EPEAT Product ID fields have not been used consistently.

A multi-stakeholder task force will soon convene to discuss the biggest barriers to Product ID, possible ways to overcome them, and potential incentives to being a first-mover in the EPEAT Product ID system.

If you would like to be involved in this Product ID Task Force, please [email Jonas Allen](#) to express your interest. We currently expect this to be a minimal commitment involving fewer than 10 phone calls and some email correspondence.

In the meantime, you can use [this handy "cheat sheet"](#) to help you update existing registrations. This document is also available for download on the My Account page of every Participating Manufacturer.

Helpful Conformity Assessment Tips

With the new year will come new Verification rounds. In the spirit of striving for conformancy, here are some tips you

may find useful based on previous Outcomes Reports.

Material Marking Codes on Plastic Components (Criteria 4.3.1.4 and 4.3.2.2)

Criterion 4.3.1.4 requires the marking of plastic components greater than 100 grams in accordance with the provisions of ISO 11469. Criterion 4.3.2.2 requires the same for plastic components greater than 25 grams.

Participating Manufacturers are encouraged to work closely with their suppliers to determine if the verification requirements can be met. In particular, ISO 11469 requires reverse angled brackets (the marks ">" and "<") around the material marking code and designated abbreviations for specific polymers, copolymers and polymer blends.

Additionally, any markings for flame retardants must include the symbol FR followed directly by the code for the class of flame retardant. Participating Manufacturers are encouraged to revisit the Conformity Assurance Protocols to identify the types of information sought by the Product Verification Committee to determine conformance.

Packaging Materials and Printing Inks (Criterion 4.8.1.1)

Criterion 4.8.1.1 addresses all packaging components, which includes any inks used to print on the packaging materials. During a Verification Round, Participating Manufacturers should be prepared to provide evidence (e.g. supplier letters as per the verification requirements, or other information such as analytical test reports) supporting any inks used on a product's packaging materials.

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- [PCs & Displays Outcomes Report: PC-2014-02](#)
- [PCs & Displays Outcomes Report: PC-2013-06](#)
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