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EPEAT-Registered TVs, Imaging Equipment and Tablets' Status on the U.S. FAR

On October 31, 2014, the U.S. Federal Environmental Executive issued a clarification for public purchasers about the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and EPEAT-registered products. The memo was intended to assist agencies as they begin reporting for the OMB Sustainability and Energy Scorecard.

This clarification reiterated that "the FAR was expanded [on June 24, 2014] to reflect changes in the EPEAT registry to include imaging equipment and televisions, in addition to computer desktops, laptops, and monitors."

In addition, the Federal Environmental Executive reminded agencies that the September update to ENERGY STAR Version 6.1 meant slates and tablets could be registered in EPEAT. As a result, "tablets/slates and two-in-one notebooks are now EPEAT-registered products and therefore Federal purchasers are required to procure ENERGY STAR qualified and EPEAT-registered tablets/slates and two-in-one notebooks."

Reporting of federal agencies' procurement of EPEAT-registered Televisions, Imaging Equipment and Tablets/Slates will be included in the 2016 OMB Sustainability/Energy Scorecard.

Additional information is available at the EPA's EPEAT page.

Get Involved in the 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 this autumn enabled such functionality. However, in spite of the efforts of several Participating Manufacturers, the Product ID fields have not been used consistently.

In early 2015 a multi-stakeholder task force will 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 less 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.

Year-End Product Archiving

As the end of 2014 approaches, now is a great time to review your product registrations to ensure they are all still commercially available and supported.

All products active on the EPEAT Registry are eligible for inclusion in a Verification Round at any time. Participating Manufacturers are strongly encouraged to archive any product that is no longer being manufactured and/or for which a Participating Manufacturer is no longer actively working with suppliers to maintain information related to conformance.

Please note that archived products still appear in the Registry in the "Archived Products" link for each Manufacturer. This enables Purchasers and other stakeholders to continue accessing details regarding the

product's previously active registration.

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.

Provision of Analytical or Empirical Test Data
The verification requirements for criteria in Section 4.1 of IEEE 1680.1 call for *"Evidence of certification from component manufacturers that is based on either empirical data demonstrating compliance or analytical test data demonstrating compliance."*

Interpretation 1-6 indicates: *"Empirical data may include supplier assurance of conformance, and must include component sampling or data collection that is evaluated within a quality control system that demonstrates conformance."* Therefore, whether empirical or analytical, results from laboratory testing are required for these criteria. Participating Manufacturers are encouraged to be prepared with this information for Verification Rounds.

Packaging Materials 90% by Weight Recyclable (4.8.2.2)
Criterion 4.8.2.2, in part, requires that 90% by weight of packaging materials be either readily recyclable or compostable/disposable in a municipal waste system. The term "recyclable" is defined as per the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's *Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims*, which states that recycling facilities must be available to a substantial majority (i.e., 60%) of consumers or communities.

In order to claim this criterion, the product packaging must meet this requirement for all countries in which the product is registered. During a Verification Round, Participating Manufacturers should be prepared to provide country-specific evidence supporting either access to a substantial majority of consumers or existence of a market/use.

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