



## **VERIFICATION PLAN: TELEVISION – ROUND TV-2013-02 AUGUST 2013**

### **I. PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT**

This document outlines the plan for a round of verification investigations to be performed in accordance with EPEAT process document QP-02, rev. 1, this verification plan, and other governing documents.

### **II. APPLICABLE STANDARDS**

IEEE 1680:2009 and IEEE 1680.3<sup>TM</sup>-2012

### **III. SELECTION OF CRITERIA AND PRODUCTS FOR VERIFICATION**

Verification Round 2013-02 for the IEEE 1680.3<sup>TM</sup> Standard for the Environmental Assessment of Televisions will focus on take-back systems and meeting qualified recycling standards for products. The Verification Round will investigate all verification requirements for the following IEEE 1680.3<sup>TM</sup> criteria:

1. 4.6.1.1 – Required – Provision of product take-back service
2. 4.6.1.2 – Optional – Provision of take-back service for broader scope of products
3. 4.6.2.1 – Required – End-of-life processing requirements

This Round will include up to 6 Level 1 investigations, where a Level 1 investigation involves a review of Subscriber submissions. The Investigations will be accomplished as follows:

- For the two required Annual Corporate Declaration Criteria each Subscriber will be investigated.
- For the optional Annual Corporate Declaration Criterion all Subscribers declaring to this criterion will be investigated.

All applicable Product Registration Entities (PREs) will be represented in this Verification Round.

Per the current procedures, this Verification Round will proceed as follows, once the Product Verification Committee approves the Round Plan.

1. A snapshot will be taken of the Registry. The registration status of the planned products will be confirmed. Products will be selected as per the Verification Round Plan.
2. This plan will be published on epeat.net.
3. EPEAT Staff will instruct Qualified Verifiers and PREs to proceed with the investigations.
4. EPEAT Staff will notify the subject Subscribers that their products are being investigated.
5. As per the Subscriber's Agreement, for Level 1 investigations Subscribers will have 30 days to provide required documentation supporting their declarations, and EPEAT will strictly adhere to this schedule.
6. The Qualified Verifiers and PREs will provide reports to EPEAT Staff. For each assigned investigation, the Qualified Verifier or PRE will complete an Investigation Report recommending Conformance or Non-Conformance.

7. The Product Verification Committee will review the reports and determine conformity. The products and Subscribers to be verified will not be specifically disclosed to the Product Verification Committee, but will be known to the EPEAT/PRE staff and the Qualified Verifiers. The intention is for the Product Verification Committee to be blind to the specific product and Subscriber for which they are making conformity decisions. This information will not be provided to the Product Verification Committee until after completion of the conformance/non-conformance findings of the Verification Round. However, when a Subscriber presents specific information to the Committee regarding a decision, the Subscriber and product will be revealed to the Committee in order to resolve any issues.
8. The subject Subscribers will be informed of the decision. For decisions of Non-Conformance, the Subscribers are required to take corrective action within 14 calendar days to restore the accuracy of the Registry.
9. A "Verification Round Outcomes Report" will be published identifying the Non-Conforming products and Subscribers, as well as the action taken to restore the accuracy of the Registry.

#### **IV. PRODUCT VERIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Following are the members of the PVC:

- Libby Chaplin, CEO, Arcadian Solutions
- Patty Dillon, Dillon Environmental Associates
- Jack Geibig, President, Ecoform
- Annette Roesler, Ph.D., Independent Professional Chemist

#### **V. SATELLITE PRES AND QUALIFIED VERIFIERS**

All investigations will be conducted by Qualified Verifiers working for their respective PRE. The following Qualified Verifier(s) are expected to assist in this plan's investigations:

- ULE PRE
- Intertek PRE

#### **VI. VERIFICATION ROUND PLAN APPROVAL**

Round Plan approved by PVC on August 30, 2013.

**VII. TELEVISION PRODUCTS VERIFICATION ROUND 2013-02 INVESTIGATIONS**

	Criterion		Verification Selection and Process	# Planned Investigations
1	4.6.1.1	Required – Provision of product take-back service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Subscriber will be investigated for this required criterion.</li> <li>Level 1 investigation only.</li> </ul>	2
2	4.6.1.2	Optional – Provision of take-back service for broader scope of products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Subscriber will be investigated for this optional criterion if applicable.</li> <li>Level 1 investigation only.</li> </ul>	2
3	4.6.2.1	Required – End-of-life processing requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Subscriber will be investigated for this required criterion.</li> <li>Level 1 investigation only.</li> </ul>	2
			<b>Total</b>	Up to 6*

\* In the event that a Subscriber doesn't claim the optional criteria, the total number of investigations completed may be fewer than planned.