

# The "What's it made of?" Initiative Supply Chain Questionnaire



Thank you for completing this supply chain questionnaire about the products you supply.

Our company has signed The Pledge to ASK "What's it made of?"

<https://sustainablefurnishings.org/content/whats-it-made-initiative>

As a next step I am committed to determining the presence or absence of the following chemicals of concern in the products that you provide to us: Flame Retardants, Fluorinated Stain/Water Resistant Treatments, Antimicrobials, Formaldehyde and Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC). Our goal is to improve the health of our customers, employees, communities and the global environment by reducing the use of chemicals that pose harm to human health and the environment.

We wish to improve our supply chain with your help, and we thank you in advance for your partnership in this endeavor.

Please respond to this questionnaire within 30 days of receipt, and let me know when you have completed it. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Susan Inglis at [susan@sustainablefurnishings.org](mailto:susan@sustainablefurnishings.org) or (252) 368-1098.

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## Flame Retardant Chemicals (Question 1 of 6)

Definition of Flame Retardant Chemicals:

Any chemical or chemical compound for which a functional use is to resist or inhibit the spread of fire, including, but not limited to, halogenated, phosphorous-based, nitrogen-based, and nanoscale flame retardants; flame retardant chemicals listed as "designated chemicals" pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 105440; or any chemical or chemical compound for which "flame retardant" appears on the substance Safety Data Sheet (SDS) pursuant to Section 1910.1200(g) of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Definition of ADDED Flame Retardant Chemicals:

Added flame retardant chemicals means flame retardant chemicals that are present in any covered product or component thereof at levels above 1,000 parts per million.

1A. Flame Retardant Chemicals: Are the components provided to our company free of added flame retardant chemicals (at levels above 1,000 parts per million by weight of the homogeneous material)?

- All: All of the products we supply your company are made without added flame retardant chemicals. (If yes, skip to question 2 )
- Some: Some of the products we supply your company are made without added flame retardant chemicals. (Please complete section 1B + 1C below)
- No/None: None of the components/products we supply your company are made without added flame retardant chemicals. (Please complete 1C)
- Unknown: We have NOT asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of flame retardants in their components.
- Unknown: We HAVE asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of flame retardants in their components and they do not know.

1B. If you checked "Some", please list below all components that are currently produced without added flame retardant chemicals.

1C. If some or all of the products you supply to our company still contain added flame retardant chemicals, please indicate any timeline for eliminating flame retardant chemicals from these products.

### **Antimicrobials (Question 2 of 6)**

Definition of Antimicrobials:

The Center for Disease Control defines antimicrobial agents as any agent that kills or suppresses the growth of microorganisms. There are a wide variety of antimicrobials, including metallic compounds (such as silver and copper), chlorinated organic antimicrobials, and others.

(if this does not apply to your company, please go the next section)

2A. Antimicrobials: Are the components you supply to our company free of added or built-in chemical antimicrobials? Antimicrobials added to raw materials for the sole purpose of preserving the product are exempt, with the exception of Triclosan and Triclocarban which are explicitly prohibited.

- All: All of the products we supply to your company are made without added or built-in chemical antimicrobials. (If yes, skip to question 3)
- Some: Some of the products we supply to your company are made without added or built-in chemical antimicrobials. (Please complete 2B below.)
- No/None: None of the products we supply to your company are free of added or built-in antimicrobial chemicals and exceptions are not available.
- Unknown: We have NOT asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of antimicrobials in their components.
- Unknown: We HAVE asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of antimicrobials in their components and they do not know.

2B. If you checked "Some", please list below all components provided to our company without added or built-in antimicrobial chemicals.

### **FLUORINATED COMPOUNDS used as Stain/Water Resistant Treatments (Question 3 of 6)**

Definition of PFASs:

PFASs (also known as PFCs) include long and short chain per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl compounds, fluorinated polymers including fluoropolymers, perfluoropolyethers and side-chain fluorinated polymers used as stain or water resistant treatments.

3A. Fluorinated Stain/Water Treatments: Are all the components provided to our company free of fluorinated stain/water-repellent treatments as described in the definition above?

- All: All of the products we supply to your company do not contain fluorinated stain/water resistant treatments. (If yes, skip to question 4)
- Some: Some of the products we supply to your company do contain fluorinated stain/water resistant treatments. However, products without fluorinated stain/water resistant treatments are available if requested. (Please complete 3B below.)
- No/None: None of the products we supply to your company are free of fluorinated stain/water resistant treatments and exceptions are not available.
- Unknown: We have NOT asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of fluorinated stain/water resistant treatments in their components.
- Unknown: We HAVE asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of fluorinated stain/water resistant treatments in their components and they do not know.

3B. If your answer is "Some", please list below all components provided to our company without added fluorinated stain/water treatments.

#### **FORMALDEHYDE (Question 4 of 6)**

Definition of Formaldehyde:

Formaldehyde is a volatile organic compound used mainly in the production of resins that are used as adhesives in binders for wood products. It also is used in the production of plastics and coatings, textile finishes, and in the manufacture of industrial chemicals.

4. Formaldehyde: Do the composite wood products supplied to our company meet Phase 2 of California's Code of Regulations, Title 17 §93120.2 – Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emission from Composite Wood Products?

- All: All of the composite wood products we supply to your company meet the requirements for Phase 2 of California CCR Title 17. (If yes, skip to question 5)
- Some: Some of the composite wood product we supply to your company meet Phase 2 of California CCR Title 17, or are available upon request.
- No/None: None of the composite wood products we supply to your company meet Phase 2 of California CCR Title 17.
- Does Not Apply: The products we supply to your company are not made of composite wood and do not fall within the scope of California CCR Title 17.

#### **POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) (Question 5 of 6)**

Definition of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC):

Polyvinyl chloride, also known as PVC or vinyl, is a synthetic thermoplastic used as a base material for some furniture and also as an upholstery fabric.

5A. PVC: Do the components provided to your company contain less than 1% (one percent) of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) by weight, excluding electrical components? Products that contain less than 1% (one percent) of PVC by weight will be considered free of PVC for the purpose of this survey.

- All: The products we provide to your company are free of PVC or PVC makes up of less than 1% (one percent) of product by weight. (If yes, skip to question 6)
- Some: Some of the products we supply to your company are free of PVC. (Please complete 5B below.)
- No/None: None of the products we supply to your company are free of PVC or all contain more than 1% of PVC by weight.
- Unknown: We have NOT asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of PVC in their components.
- Unknown: We HAVE asked our downstream suppliers about the presence of PVC in their components and they do not know.

5B. If your answer is "Some", please list below all components provided to your company that are free of PVC or that contain less than 1% of PVC below.

**GENERAL VERIFICATION METHOD (Question 6 of 6)**

6. Verification: How do you verify the chemical content for the products you provide to our company? (Please check all that apply)

- We require a formal declaration stating that the product supplied does not contain the 5 chemicals of concern noted in this questionnaire above the stated threshold. The declaration must be written, signed, and dated by the manufacturer on the manufacturer's letterhead.
- We require laboratory testing data from an accredited lab, verifying compliance.
- We provide complete information in the Health Product Declaration on product content related to these chemicals, verifying compliance.

Thank you for completing these questions. We appreciate your commitment to helping reduce the use of chemicals that pose harm to human health and the environment.

If you have any additional comments or suggestions for this survey, please feel free to leave notes here. We welcome your feedback.