

SFC EXEMPLARY MANUFACTURER (Including Importers and Wholesalers)

REQUIREMENTS & CREDITS TABLE

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Mandatory Requirements:

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| | Operations |
| | Sustainability statement available in the public domain, and implementation plan in place |
| | Energy-use reduction plan in place and available for review |
| | Written Social Equity Codes of Conduct for employee relations and for supplier relations, ensuring that employees (at least) enjoy the same rights regardless of gender, religion, color, nationality, ethnic origin, political views or sexual orientation and receive equal remuneration, in terms of both pay and benefits, for equal work |
| | Product |
| | Procurement policy and systems to ensure lowest adverse impact inputs and processes in place and available for review |
| | If wood is used in the product line, proof that 100% of inventory of wood products are made of wood that is of known origin and legally compliant with the Lacey Act as commonly understood. |
| | Proof that independent Verification of Legal Origin (VLO) has been conducted for 100% of wood sourced from areas identified as "HIGH RISK" in the Global Risk Assessment tool: https://www.nepcon.org/sourcinghub/timber |
| | Signatory to The Pledge to ASK, "What's it made of?" and a process in place for reducing or removing the harmful chemicals most common in residential furnishings, including flame retardant chemicals, fluorinated stain treatments, VOC's like formaldehyde, PVC or vinyl, and antimicrobials. |
| | Outreach |
| | Link from corporate website homepage to SFC website |

Home furnishings products are typically complex and made of materials and components that require a range of processes from extraction of raw materials through delivery to the consumer. Our Exemplary Recognition Requirements touch on points along the entire life cycle of the product, encouraging the use of sustainable processes and the reduction of pollution. SFC is pleased to provide recognition to manufacturers and other wholesalers involved in residential furnishings, whether their product line is made of one material or many.

Recognition is offered at the Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum level, depending on how many **applicable** credit points are earned. **There are 8 mandatory points and 260 credit points** available with 3rd party certification. SFC reviews **applicability** as well as other claims submitted.

- Platinum = mandatory requirements plus 75% applicable points
- Gold = mandatory requirements plus 50% applicable points
- Silver = mandatory requirements plus 35% applicable points
- Bronze = mandatory requirements plus 20% applicable points, and a written commitment to move to Silver within 3 years

Please note that all percentages are of sales, unless otherwise noted.

We have worked to simplify the document. Requirements are divided into sections: **Operations**, covering policies and practices for energy use reduction and employee relations; **Product**, covering choices in materials and production processes; and **Outreach**, covering marketing, education, and other community outreach efforts. Third-party certification of any line item automatically doubles the number of credit points that item counts for. Documentation must be submitted, including scans of certificates.

The innovation credit is to be used to account for practices not thoroughly covered in the table below. SFC encourages innovation across the Triple Bottom Line.

Terms in this document are defined in the online Glossary at sustainablefurnishings.org.

PROCESS

The process of attaining SFC's Exemplary Recognition involves submitting the following form along with required documentation. On receipt, the SFC Executive Director reviews the submission for clarity and completion, providing a prompt response to indicate any parts of the submission that appear incomplete or are not clear. Once the submission is complete, the ED submits it to the Standards Committee for review and approval.

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| To apply, contact Susan Inglis, SFC Executive Director | susan@sustainablefurnishings.org ; 252 368 1098 |
| Company Name: | Email: |
| Contact: | Phone: |

THE STANDARD

BENCHMARKING CRITERIA FOR SFC EXEMPLARY MANUFACTURER RECOGNITION

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FC grants recognition to companies that demonstrate performance throughout their operations and production system. Our priorities in granting recognition take into account the following:

1. **Transparency:** We are committed to transparency in sharing our process. We look for evidence that manufacturers are also willing to be transparent in all areas.
2. **Consensus:** We are committed to providing applicant companies with due process, including an opportunity to be heard, consultation on any shortcomings in acceptable demonstration and engagement to improve the clarity of our process.
3. **Third Party Certification:** We appreciate and favor the strength of objective review.
4. **Independent Global Auditing:** We appreciate and favor the strength of independently audited certifications with global reach.
5. **Consistency:** We aim to be consistent in considering impacts across the Triple Bottom Line, thinking about what is good for the preservation of ecosystems, what supports peoples and communities of all kinds and what is necessary for thriving sustainable economies.
6. **Accuracy:** We are committed to accuracy in all communications, including use of the SFC Exemplary Member Seal on products so that labeling that is not misleading.

Detail on Wood Requirements:

Known Sources: The purchaser knows where the forest material was grown and can identify the harvesting entity.

- Product is certified against a Chain of Custody or Traceability Standard such as Generic CoC, FSC CoC, PEFC CoC, etc.
- The supplier certificate is valid and its scope includes the product supplied.
- The product has been sourced with a FSC claim on invoice from the tier 1 supplier, signifying that the full chain of custody is intact from the forest to end user. (ie The product has been traced by your company along an unbroken and verified chain of custody from the purchaser back to the source entity by obtaining supplier certification codes on documentation for that product down to the forest level)
- Reliable documentation from the supplier/s is provided that identifies the source location, the source entity, and each intermediary in the supply chain

Legal Sources: Products coming from traceable source where the forest source country is known and legal origin can be verified.

1) Products coming from a third party certified Legal Origin source: SW VLC; SW VLO, TFT, SGS TLTV or Certisource.

All products from High Risk countries must follow these criteria.

- Your product comes from a "Known" source.
- Products are clearly identifiable as originating from a source verified as Legal Source, FLEGT, SGS TLTV or CertiSource.
- Verified products are accompanied by documentation which includes reference to each product's batch and/or to related shipping documentation, sufficient to link the invoice to the products supplied.
- Supplier holds a valid SW VLC, SW VLO, TFT, SGS TLTV or TFF verification Statement:
 - o **LegalSource:** <https://www.nepcon.org/certification/legalsource>
 - o **FLEGT:** <http://www.flegt.org/>
 - o **TFT:** <http://www.tft-earth.org>
 - o **SGS TLTV:** www.forestry.sgs.com/tltv_forestry
 - o **CertiSource:** <http://www.certisource.co.uk/>
- The verified products provided by supplier are included in the supplier's verification statement scope.

2) Not certified Legal Origin: Products coming from traceable source where the legal origin can be verified.

1. **NOT APPLICABLE FOR PRODUCTS COMING FROM COUNTRIES CLASSIFIED AS "HIGH RISK"** as per Global Risk Assessment tool <http://www.globalforestregistry.org/>

- Your product comes from a "Known" source.
- Country of origin is not a "High Risk Country" as per the High Risk Countries
- The harvesting entity has a legal right to harvest.
- You have evidence of compliance with applicable management planning requirements.
- You have evidence that timber is harvested from areas designated to harvesting (e.g. not from protected areas where harvesting is not allowed).
- You have evidence that harvesting rate is within the applicable limits.
- You have evidence of compliance with applicable CITES requirements, if applicable.
- You have evidence of compliance with timber transportation documents.

For companies holding FSC Chain of Custody certification, Non Controversial Sources (FSC Controlled Wood certified)

Products sourced from "Legal Origin" (Certified or uncertified) that are also being sourced under the following conditions:

- Wood is not harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
- Wood is not harvested in forests where high conservation values are threatened;
- Wood is not harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use;

FSC® Certified

Your company is FSC® CoC certified and the products you are supplying to your customers comply with the following:

- FSC® certified products are **clearly identifiable** as such. (E.g. product carries FSC® label, products are identified by a barcode or batch number clearly linked to the transport documentation and invoices) and are accompanied by **documentation** sufficient to link the invoice to the products supplied.
- FSC® certified products' transport documentation and invoices contain clear indication of the **FSC® claim** of the products and the supplying company's **FSC® CoC certificate code**. FSC® claim is one of the following options:
 - o "FSC 100%"
 - o "FSC Mix x%" where 'x' is 70% minimum.
 - o "FSC Mix Credit"
- Your company holds a **valid FSC® certificate** and FSC® Products provided by supplier are included in the supplier's **certificate scope** (available on www.fsc-info.org).

Detail on Chemicals Management:

- Compliance with the guidelines of an approved restricted substances list (RSL) SFC LISTS SHOULD VARY DEPENDING UPON THE PRODUCT? LINK TO THE BIFMA LIST? CROSS CHECK IT W THE OEKOTEX LISTS
 - o BIFMA Chemicals of Concern list:
https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.bifma.org/resource/resmgr/handout_annex_b.pdf
- Introduction of a suitable harmful substances management system
- Compliance with the [12 principles of green chemicals](#)
- Provide staff with periodic training and further education regarding the handling of the chemicals used
- Communicate to staff and employees regarding the chemicals used and their risks
- Monitoring the use of chemicals, including SDS'

Detail on Low VOC Requirements:

- Minimize Indoor VOC Emissions. The maximum concentration for any chemical emitted at 96 hours in emissions tests (following a ten-day conditioning period), shall not result in a modeled indoor air concentration greater than 1/2 the chronic reference exposure level (CREL) established by California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), except formaldehyde which shall not exceed 1/2 the OEHHA indoor chronic reference exposure level (REL). Testing shall be in accordance with CDPH/EHLB/Standard Method V1.2 "Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers," (CA Section 01350)
- Minimize Indoor Carcinogenic VOC Emissions. Carcinogenic or reproductive toxicant VOCs shall not be emitted from products at levels above the Safe Exposure Levels (SELs). SELs and testing, shall be in accordance with the January 2017 version of CDPH 1.2 aka CA 01350.
- Minimize Formaldehyde Emissions. The following formaldehyde limit for wood does not affect the CA Section 01350 limit of 4 ppb in this section for non-wood building products. For formaldehyde in certified composite wood products pursuant to Exemplary requirements, the raw composite wood in the certified product must meet the TSCA Title VI requirements that formaldehyde in raw particle Board and raw medium density fiberboard (MDF) before assembled into finished product be no more than 0.30 ppm for industrial products, 0.20 ppm for building products, 0.30 ppm for Medium Density Fiberboard MDF. Documentation for certifying to TSCA Title VI requirements must be provided.

- Minimize Indoor Formaldehyde Emissions. The maximum concentration for formaldehyde emitted at 96 hours in emissions tests (following a ten-day conditioning period), shall not result in a modeled indoor air concentration greater than 1/2 the chronic reference exposure level (CREL) established by California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). Testing shall be in accordance with CDPH/EHLB/Standard Method V1.2 “Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers,”. https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDC/DEOD/EAH/IAQ/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CDPH-IAQ_StandardMethod_V1_2_2017_ADA.pdf

- Minimize Indoor Formaldehyde Emissions: “Formaldehyde Free” must conform to GREENGUARD requirements:

1. Verification Requirements: Products verified as formaldehyde free must be certified under one of UL Environment’s low emitting product certification programs following methods and procedures governed by UL’s ISO 17065 Certification Body Accreditation.

2. Testing Requirements: For a product or material to be verified as formaldehyde free, product samples must have a measured formaldehyde emission factor of less than or equal to 5 µg/m²•hr at 24 elapsed exposure hours or 3 µg/m²•hr at 336 elapsed exposure hours. An emission factor of 5 µg/m²•hr, corresponds to a measured chamber concentration of 2.5 µg/m³ for a typical loading ratio of 0.5 m²/m³. This chamber concentration is comparable to, or below, typical outdoor air concentrations. This demonstrates that formaldehyde exposure from products labeled as formaldehyde free will not contribute airborne formaldehyde at levels greater than those found in the natural outdoor environment. Emissions must be measured following the testing requirements found in GGTM.P066[LS6], “Standard Method for Measuring and Evaluating Chemical Emissions from Building Materials, Finishes, and Furnishings using Dynamic Environmental Chambers” by an accredited technical body. These testing and measurement methodologies are consistent and comply with California Department of Public Health's CDPH/EHLB/Standard Method V1.2 “Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers,” (CA Section 01350).

- Reducing Toxic & Other Air, Water & Waste Pollutants: Input Stockholm Chemicals. Document that Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants are not present at 0.1% or greater in the product.

Note: The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, (signed in Stockholm, May 23, 2001) is intended to eliminate or restrict the production, use and/or release of certain chemicals that, due to their persistence in the environment, can affect human health throughout the globe, regardless of the location of their use. The original list of twelve chemicals has been added to over the years, and includes certain pesticides, industrial products and byproducts.

Detail on Textile Requirements: textile components, ie foam, fabrics and leather.

- Ensure that water treatment is in place that returns water to the standard of local drinking water regulation quality.
- Produce a list of chemical inputs, as in a Health Product Declaration or Life Cycle Assessment, for each step in the textile production process from field or polymer creation to finished fabric.
- No wood fiber from old growth forests
- No allowance for operations that violate human rights: assurance that no child labor or forced labor is used and that minimal workers’ rights, as promulgated by the International Labor Organization, are observed
- Traceability through acceptable standards for chain of custody (CoC) that: WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS FOR CHAIN OF CUSTODY?
 - Require verification of geographic origin of fiber
 - Require independent verification of the accuracy of documentation provided by suppliers
 - Require a direct connection between the labeled products and the certified fibers and yarns
 - Provide clear CoC from material source to point of sale to prevent mixing with inferior sources

Textile priority demonstrations:

1. Traceability to source field – all claims (e.g. % input) must be based on chain of custody supported by a recognized certificate or system. Evidence:

2. Proof of % fiber, yarn or fabric annual volume input that meets SFC standards as per line number in Credits table.

Evidence:

- Invoices demonstrating volume and calculation of % that meets SFC standards

3. Minimum statement of the end of life disposition of the fabric: the impacts on the environment and human health, including carbon footprint. Statement may cover the following, for instance: biodegradability; recyclability; description of take-back program for samples, etc.

Recommended 3rd party certifications for chemical management and for fiber traceability include:

- [ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX®](#)
- [STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®](#)
- [Global Organic Textile Standard \(GOTS\)](#)
- [BLC Chem-MAP](#)
- [LEATHER by OEKO-TEX®](#)
- [STeP by OEKO-TEX®](#)
- [bluesign® bluefinder](#)
- [Clean Production Action's \(CPA\) GreenScreen Certified™ Standard for Textile Chemicals](#)
- [Control Union](#)
- [NSF International](#)
- [SciveraLENS®](#)
- [ToxServices' Full Materials Disclosure Screened Chemistry™ \(ToxFMD®\) Program](#)
- Other credible third-party traceability

Detail on ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

- Compliance with the stipulated limit values
- Use of best available production technologies
- Optimization of production processes
- Efficient use of resources
- Responsible handling of waste, waste water, emissions etc.
- Reduction of the CO2 footprint
 - Provide document review for verification that production sites hold clear management objectives, legal compliance and applicable licensing for water, wastewater, air emissions, and sludge waste, CO2-emissions, production waste and general waste
 - Demonstrate comprehensive internal system meeting requirements including water, wastewater, air emissions, and sludge waste, CO2-emissions, production waste and general waste
 - Demonstrate comprehensive internal system of management objectives

Recommended 3rd party certifications for environmental performance include: [STeP by OEKO-TEX®](#)

Detail on ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Proof of a suitable environmental management system for targeted coordination and systematic implementation of all environmental protection measures
- Commitment to environmental targets
- Periodic creation of environmental reports
- Appointment of an environmental representative
- Periodic training regarding the implementation of environmental targets and measures
- Proving implementation of existing environmental protection systems (e.g. ISO 14001) can include:
 - Verification that production site meets the above requirements with 3rd party certification
 - Demonstrate comprehensive internal system meeting requirements, with some 3rd party certification
 - Demonstrate comprehensive internal system meeting requirements including wastewater, air emissions and sludge waste compliance to local and regional laws

Recommended 3rd party certifications for environmental management include:

[ISO14000 Series](#)

[EMAS](#)

[STeP by OEKO-TEX®](#)

Detail on HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Proof of suitable measures to ensure the required health and safety in the workplace (e.g. filter systems, ear protection etc.)
- Guaranteed safety of buildings and production plants (e.g. through constructive measures, escape plans, separation of production areas etc.)
- Risk prevention

5 Points: Provide third party verification that production site meets the above requirements

3 Points: Demonstrate comprehensive internal system meeting requirements, with some 3rd party certification

1 Point: Demonstrate comprehensive internal system meeting requirement.

Recommended 3rd party certifications for health and safety include:

ANSI Z10-2012

CSA Z1000

ISO 45001

OSHA VPP

[STeP by OEKO-TEX®](#)

Other notes:

- Examples of services to eliminate transportation packaging waste include blanket-wrap, carton return, avoidance of unrecyclable plastics, and recycling services.
- Community outreach can include geographic community, business community, etc.
- An effective written Social Equity Code of Conduct as a baseline for employee relations covers payment of fair wages and provision for healthcare.

How are all these materials covered?

Wood
Wood Finishes
Textiles
Leather
Textile & Leather Treatments
Cushioning
Metals including Finishing
Plastics

| | Credit (for Operations/Product/Outreach) NB: Unless otherwise noted, percentage is of SALES NB: 3rd Party Certification on any line item automatically doubles the credit points | Credit Points (without certification) | Additional Credit Points (with certification) | Total Credits Points |
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| 1. | Operations – 68 available points | | | |
| POLICY | | | | |
| 1.1. | Sustainability statement available in the public domain, and implementation plan in place | Mandatory | | |
| 1.2. | Have written Social Equity Codes of Conduct for employee relations & for supplier relations publicly published | Mandatory | | |
| 1.3. | All manufacturing & corporate facilities registered with AHFA's EFEC program for pollution control | 2 | 2 | |
| ENERGY | | | | |
| 1.4. | Energy-use reduction plan in place – please attach with the baseline established in advance | Mandatory | | |
| 1.5. | For every 25% of renewable power (electricity &/or thermal) used that is sustainably generated on-site, 2 points | 8 | 8 | |
| 1.6. | Current Carbon Footprint report available in the public domain | 4 | 4 | |
| 1.7. | Signatory to the "We Are Still In" Declaration | 1 | 1 | |
| SOCIAL | | | | |
| 1.8. | Provide a Living Wage for employees (75%, 2 points; 100%, 4 points) | 4 | 4 | |
| 1.9. | Organized and registered as a Benefit Corporation | 2 | 2 | |
| 1.10. | Registered as a Benefit Corporation (B Corp) | 2 | 2 | |
| WASTE | | | | |
| 1.11. | Manufacturing facility manages water with conservation policy and wastewater treatment approach that accounts for different types of waste water | 2 | 2 | |
| 1.12. | Provide services to minimize transportation packaging waste, i.e.: blanket-wrap, carton return or recycling services. | 2 | 2 | |
| INNOVATION | | | | |
| 1.13. | Innovation credits must be applied for and approved. Please attach documentation of corporate policies and practices that are not otherwise covered in this standard, and that are in place to assist the company in sustaining a healthy future. | | | |
| 2. | Product – 148 available points | | | |
| 2.1. | Procurement policy and systems in place to ensure lowest adverse impact inputs and processes – – attach description, ie choices in wood, textiles, cushioning, etc. | Mandatory | | |
| 2.2. | Signatory to The Pledge to ASK, "What's it made of?" and a process in place for removing the harmful chemicals most common in residential furnishings, including flame retardant chemicals, fluorinated stain treatments, VOC's including formaldehyde, PVC, and antimicrobials. (attach documentation) | Mandatory | | |
| 2.3. | For every 25% of inputs that come from vendors that are SFC members, 1 point | 4 | 4 | |

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| 2.4. | For every 25% of product that is sourced, manufactured, and distributed within a 500 mile radius, 1 point | 4 | 4 | |
| 2.5. | For every 25% of materials that are bio-based, 1 point | 4 | 4 | |
| 2.6. | For every 25% of product certified organic, 1 point | | 4 | |
| 2.7. | For every 25% of materials that are recycled or reclaimed materials, 1 point | 4 | 4 | |
| 2.8. | Submit a complete Environmental Product Declaration or Life Cycle Assessment which conforms to ISO 1402511, 1404011, 1404411 and has cradle-to-grave scope | 6 | 6 | |
| 2.9 | For every 10% of product that carries an Life Cycle Assessment certification, such as SMaRT, Cradle to Cradle, BIFMA Level, 1 point | | 10 | |
| | Specific to Wood. Respond for all that apply, & indicate if N/A. | | | |
| 2.10. | Proof that 100% of inventory of wood products are made of wood that is of known origin and legally compliant with the Lacey Act as commonly understood. | Mandatory | | |
| 2.11. | Proof that independent Verification of Legal Compliancy (VLC) has been conducted for 100% of wood sourced from areas identified as "HIGH RISK" in the Global Risk Assessment tool: http://globalforestrisk.nepcon.net/ (attach) | Mandatory | | |
| 2.11.a. | For every 20% of wood that is PEFC, 1 point. NB: must meet FSC Controlled Wood Standard, which prohibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illegally harvested wood Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights Wood harvested in forests in which High Conservation Values are threatened through management activities Wood harvested from conversion of natural forests Wood harvested from areas where genetically modified trees are planted | 5 | 5 | |
| 2.11.b. | For every 10% of production that is FSC CoC certified, 1 point | | 10 | |
| 2.11.c. | For every 10% of wood that is sourced within 500 miles, 1 point | 10 | 10 | |
| Chemicals Input | | | | |
| 2.12. | To ensure limitation of Chemicals of Concern, including contaminants from recycled/reclaimed materials, company has a plan in place with specific goals for limiting or eliminating chemicals on the CA Prop 65 list. | 1 | 1 | |
| 2.13. | To ensure VOC emissions are minimized, internal testing shows that when shipped, chemical emissions are no greater than half the CA 1350 established chronic reference exposure level (CREL) | 1 | 1 | |
| 2.14. | To ensure reduction of toxic and other pollutants across all waste streams, document that Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants are not present in the product or production processes. | 1 | 1 | |
| 2.15. | Submit a complete Health Product Declaration, using the form at http://hpdcollaborative.org , a free and open standard for reporting ingredients and hazards | 4 | 4 | |
| 2.16. | Innovation credits must be applied for and approved. Please attach documentation of production practices that are not otherwise covered in this standard, and that are in place to assist the company in sustaining a healthy future. | 5 | 5 | |
| 3. | Outreach – 44 available points | | | |
| 3.1. | Link from corporate website homepage to SFC website | mandatory | | |

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| ADVERTISING | | | | |
| 3.2. | Regularly display the SFC member seal in ads, on showroom door, in catalogs | 10 | | |
| EDUCATION | | | | |
| 3.3. | Conduct educational training regularly within your operation and in the broader community. (Attach description for current year) | 8 | | |
| 3.4. | Majority of marketing and/or Sales staff achieved GREEN AP for completion of GREENleaders Certified Sustainability Training | 10 | | |
| 3.5. | Staff members have achieved GREEN AP for completion of GREENleaders Certified Sustainability Training | 3 | | |
| COMMUNITY | | | | |
| 3.6. | Regularly lead the creation and implementation of “green” initiatives in the local community and/or service area, as well as participate in ongoing events (Attach description for current year) | 4 | | |
| INNOVATION | | | | |
| 3.7. | Innovation credits must be applied for and approved. Please attach documentation of outreach efforts that are not otherwise covered in this standard, and that are in place to assist the company in sustaining a healthy future. | 12 | | |
| TOTAL | | | | |

Legally Binding Certification (from SMaRT. Reproduced with permission)

The applicant must sign one of the optional certifications below attesting that the information submitted in this application is truthful and not misleading and that the certification is publicly available on the applicant's web site. This documentation may include any accurate product information useful for purchasers and specifiers including marketing and sales information. Use of this certification allows the Council to include many more entities from the furniture industry, improves diligence in applications, and greatly facilitates SFC's important verification process.

1. Express Warranty or Equivalent Option. Furniture suppliers and manufacturers adhering to this standard expressly warrant in this certification:

"The furniture vendor/manufacturer expressly warrants as part of its purchase agreement, that the data and responses to the information requests of this standard are accurate and reliable to the best of the product vendor's/manufacturer's knowledge."

Name & Title of Company Representative

Date

Address

Phone & Email

This express warranty is a general requirement for adherence to this standard; this warranty and its documentation will be publicly available and placed on the applicant's or a third party's website.

2. Equivalent Option.

An equivalent option can be used satisfying this certification, in lieu of providing the express warranty above for general adherence to this standard. To do this, the furniture supplier or manufacturer or must certify in writing below that their communications regarding this standard and applicable sections, comply with the Federal Trade Commission *Environmental Marketing Guides* at 16 C.F.R. Part 260 (2012) for accurate, reliable, and documented communications: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/grnrule/guides980427.htm>.

This certification must also state that "both the express and implied meaning of the certification about the data, responses to information, and provisions of the standard, is reasonable and based on competent and reliable scientific evidence prepared by qualified professionals in the relevant area, using procedures to produce accurate and reliable results."

Name & Title of Company Representative

Date

Address

Phone & Email

See 16 C.F.R. § 260.5. Further, such certification and its documentation will be publicly available and placed on the applicant's or third party's website.