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European foreword

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Introduction

This document provides horizontal rules for business-to-consumer communication including benchmarking systems using environmental product declarations (EPDs) according to EN 15804. The objective is the provision of clear and intelligible information to consumers to promote informed comparisons on the environmental impacts of construction products, assembled systems and construction elements based on the Product Environmental Footprint approach adapted to the specificities of EN 15804.

The following elements define the approach of this document:

- Aggregation of results: in addition to the detailed communication rules in EN 15804 and EN 15942, this document allows the option of aggregating results from modules A1-C4 into a total sum of impacts or respective LCA indicators for communication of cradle to grave EPD for Business to Consumer purposes.
- Benchmarks: This document develops the rules for benchmarking and rules for the definition of functional equivalence based on default scenarios to be used in defining the respective Functional Unit and taking into account findings from the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) pilot phase. It provides guidance to allow product Technical Committees to develop their own functional equivalence(s) and means by which to classify performance according to indicator results for the purpose of Business to Consumer (B2C) communication, where relevant.

1 Scope

This document provides horizontal rules for business-to-consumer communication including benchmarking systems that aim to inform consumers about the life cycle environmental performance of construction products, assembled systems and construction elements. The communication is based on the results of the life cycle of the product, system or element, as incorporated to the construction asset, see EN 15804:2012+A2:2019. B2C communication includes information on benefits and loads beyond the system boundary.

This document is aimed at organizations providing business-to-consumer communication and benchmarking systems and provides guidance on how to develop business-to-consumer communication and common rules for benchmarking methodologies using EPD, see EN 15804, and see EN 15942 for the communication format.

Business-to-consumer communication and benchmarking methodology described in this document is based on a functional unit and cradle-to-grave assessments. B2C communication with no benchmarking is also described in this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15804:2012+A2:2019, *Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products*

EN 15978, *Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of environmental performance of buildings - Calculation method*

EN ISO 14025, *Environmental labels and declarations - Type III environmental declarations - Principles and procedures (ISO 14025)*

EN ISO 14026:2018, *Environmental labels and declarations - Principles, requirements and guidelines for communication of footprint information (ISO 14026:2017)*

EN ISO 14044:2006¹, *Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Requirements and guidelines - Amendment 1 (ISO 14044:2006/Amd 1:2017)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15804 and EN 15978 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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¹ As impacted by EN ISO 14044:2006/A1:2018.