
**Environmental labels and declarations —
Type I environmental labelling — Principles
and procedures**

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Foreword

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Introduction

There are a number of approaches to environmental labelling. This International Standard relates to Type I environmental labelling programmes which award their environmental label to products which meet a set of predetermined requirements. The label thus identifies products which are determined to be environmentally preferable within a particular product category.

Type I environmental labelling programmes are voluntary, can be operated by public or private agencies and can be national, regional or international in nature.

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1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the principles and procedures for developing Type I environmental labelling programmes, including the selection of product categories, product environmental criteria and product function characteristics; and for assessing and demonstrating compliance. This International Standard also establishes the certification procedures for awarding the label.

2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 14020:1998, *Environmental labels and declarations — General principles*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

Type I environmental labelling programme

voluntary, multiple-criteria-based third party programme that awards a licence which authorizes the use of environmental labels on products indicating overall environmental preferability of a product within a particular product category based on life cycle considerations

3.2

product

any goods or service

3.3

product category

group of products which have equivalent function

3.4

product environmental criteria

environmental requirements that the product shall meet in order to be awarded an environmental label

3.5

product function characteristic

attribute or characteristic in the performance and use of a product