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

*Labels et déclarations environnementaux — Délivrance du label
environnemental de type I — Principes et procédures*



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Foreword

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- addition of definitions for “verifier” (3.15) and “verification” (3.16);
- addition of subclauses on data quality (5.11) and the competence of verifiers (5.16);
- addition of paragraph on the competence of verifiers in 6.1;
- addition of subclause 7.4.5 on verification;
- updating of reference documents.

Introduction

There are several approaches to environmental labelling. This document relates to Type I environmental labelling programmes, which award their environmental label to products that meet a set of predetermined requirements. The label identifies products that 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.

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

1 Scope

This document 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 document also establishes the certification procedures for awarding the label.

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.

ISO 14020, *Environmental labels and declarations — General principles*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

Type I environmental labelling programme

voluntary, multiple-criteria-based *third party* (3.7) programme that awards a *licence* (3.13) which authorizes the use of environmental labels on *products* (3.2) indicating overall environmental preferability of a product within a particular *product category* (3.3) based on life cycle considerations

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2009, 8.3]

3.2

product

any goods or service

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2009, 6.2, modified — Notes to entry have been deleted.]

3.3

product category

group of *products* (3.2) which have equivalent function

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2009, 8.3.3]

3.4

product environmental criteria

environmental requirements that the *product* (3.2) shall meet in order to be awarded an environmental label

[SOURCE: ISO 14050:2009, 8.3.3.3]