

Environmental Requirements Furniture & Fitments

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Environmental Requirements for Furniture & Fitments and Carpets

For each product group, several absolute requirements and a number of recommended requirements have been set up

The absolute requirements are **mandatory** and are part of the contract terms and conditions. The supplier must be able to document compliance to these requirements upon request. Some of the absolute requirements are statutory EU requirements; however, they are specified in the contract as they are typically problem areas

The recommended requirements are recommendations that are weighted positively in the choice between competing products

This document is specified for furniture and fitments - Concept arrangement and special furniture and fitments

Absolute requirements

Furniture and fitments **must comply** with the following requirements to be eligible for purchase by Danske Bank. The supplier must be able to document submit a declaration to the effect that the furniture and fitments fulfil the following absolute requirements on request

- All furniture and fitments delivered to Danske Bank must not contain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) included in the latest candidate list published and updated by ECHA in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight. The current candidate list can be found on the website of the European Chemicals Agency - <http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>
- All furniture and fitment with an electric or electronic function must be CE labelled and comply with [Directive 2011/65/EC \(RoHS\)](#) on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronics equipment
- All furniture and fitment must not contain substances or mixtures listed as persistent organic pollutant (POPs) under Annex A of [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1021](#) on persistent organic pollutants

- All furniture and fitment must comply with the [restrictions](#) laid down under Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) no 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). This includes but is not limited to Azocolourants and Azo-dyes which may split off into aromatic amines listed under entry number 43
- Furniture and fitment supplied to Danske Bank may not contain the materials, substances or use the manufacturing methods listed in

- Annex I to this document
- Chemical substances and mixtures used in the production of furniture and fitments must not be classified in accordance with Annex II to this document
- Use of surface treatment products classified as environmentally harmful must not exceed the amounts specified in Annex III
- Furniture and fitments and details thereof manufactured from plastics should as far as possible be manufactured from homogenous polymers to enable recycling

Recommended requirements

Furniture and fitments meeting the following requirements will be **preferred**

Certifications

- Furniture and fitments certified according to any of the following environmental labels

Nordic Swan Eco Label	Möbelfakta	EU Eco Label	Blue Angel Eco Label	Global Green tag certification
				

- Wood in furniture and fitments from certified forestry according to any of below environmental labels (this requirement applies to solid wood, laminated wood, and veneer. Willow and bamboo are not included.)
 - 70% by weight of all purchased pine, spruce, birch, and tropical timber must derive from certified forestry operations
 - 50% by weight of other types of wood must derive from certified forestry operations
 - Acceptable certifications are e.g.,

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)	Malaysian Timber Certification Council (Tropical wood)
		

- Textiles in Furniture and fitments labelled with any of the following environmental label

Nordic Swan Eco Label	EU Eco Label	OEKO Textile Standard 100	Global Organic Textile Standard



Circularity, longevity and measurability – Principles for consideration

- Furniture and fitments that are second hand
- Furniture and fitments made from recycled material such as recycled plastic (at least 50%), aluminum (at least 50%) or steel (at least 20%)
- Furniture and fitments that may be dismantled for reparations and recycling of the materials
- Furniture and fitments made by producers having a system where the used furniture and fitments may be returned and reused/repared/refurbished/remanufactured or other processes to prolong the lifetime
- Furniture and fitments for which spare parts can be guaranteed by the supplier for at least 5 years after purchase
- Furniture and fitments that have an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) performed according to the standard ISO 14025
- Furniture and fitments with a circularity measure^{1,2} (C) >50

Product group – Carpets

This product group is defined as carpets, rugs, or any other textile flooring

Absolute requirements

- The supplier must have a documented environmental management system in line with the ISO 14001 standard or EMAS
- The supplier must be able to provide a content declaration for all products. The declaration of contents must at least list substances hazardous to the environment and health if they exceed 0.1 percent of the product
- Chemicals on the appendix XVII in [REACH](#) are prohibited
- Chlorinated/brominated paraffins, halogenated flame retardants, organic tin compounds, phthalates and fluorinated compounds must not be actively added to the floor covering

¹ Re-Source, 2018. Mätning av produktcirkularitet som ett sätt att öka resursproduktivitet

² Saidani M, Yannou B, Leroy Y, Cluzel F, Kendall A, 2019. A taxonomy of circular economy indicators. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, vol 207, p542-559

Recommended requirements

Products that meet the following requirements will be preferred

- The flooring product must have an environmental product declaration (EPD)
- Carpets labelled with the Nordic Ecolabel
- Products provided by suppliers who accept old carpets for reuse
- The supplier is committed to The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)
- The supplier has a third-party certification that ensures no illegal child labor or breaches of human rights e.g., [Rugmark](#) certification
- The carpet is made of 100% externally certified materials, e.g., OEKO-TEX or other eco-labels
- The product is registered in [Byggvarubedömningen](#) (as approved or recommended) or [Sunda Hus](#) (A, B or C+) or any other similar standard for environmental assessment of building materials

Annex I

Furniture and fitments may not contain or exceed the concentrations in the requirements for any of the following substances or materials






Substance/material	Requirements
Biocides	Not allowed to be used
Phthalates	Not allowed to be used
Primary aromatic amines (PAA)	Not allowed to be used
Alkylphenol ethoxylates Alkylphenols Alkylphenolphosphites	Not allowed to be used
Flame retardants	Only allowed with explicit approvals from Danske Bank depending on national legislation
Formaldehyde	Free Formaldehyde - Up to 0,2% free formaldehyde is allowed from formaldehyde-based adhesives. Formaldehyde in wood panels - Average emissions of formaldehyde must not exceed 0,124 mg/m ³
PVC	Not allowed to be used
CMIT/MIT	Following are not allowed to be used 5 chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one CAS - 247-500-7 Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one CAS 220-239-6
Bisphenols ³ (including but not limited to BPA, BPAF, BPAP, BPB, BPBP, BPC, BPC2, BPE, BPF, BPG, BPM, BPP, BPPH, BPS, BPTMC, BPZ)	Not allowed to be used
Fluorinated compounds including (Poly) - Perfluoroalkyl chemicals and compounds thereof	Not allowed to be used
Tin (Sn) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Cadmium (Cd) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Chromium VI (Cr (VI)) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Mercury (Hg) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Lead (Pb) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Arsenic (As) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Antimony (Sb) and its compounds	Not allowed to be used
Nickel (Ni) and its compounds	Only permissible in stainless steel or in nickel plated components. Otherwise not allowed to be used




³ For more information see e.g., Swedish Chemicals Agency, 2017.
[Rapport 5/17: Bisfenoler - en kartläggning och analys](#)

Polyurethane foam (PUR)	Following requirements apply <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organic tin is not allowed to be used in the PUR foamPlasticizers must not be intentionally addedNot allowed to add halogenated organic compound as blowing agents
Fragrances	Not allowed to be used
Aromatic solvents	Not allowed to be used
Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	In surface treatment applications - May not exceed 60g/m ² for office furniture In adhesives - Adhesives used for production of furniture and furniture components must contain < 10 % VOC by weight as well as follow the separate requirement for free formaldehyde
Nanomaterials	Not allowed to use
Chloroparaffins/chloroalkenes	Not allowed to use
Latex foam	Chlorophenols, butadiene, nitrosamines and carbon disulphide are not allowed to be used

Annex II





Chemical substances and mixtures used in the production of furniture and fitments must not be classified in accordance with the following classifications of environmental and human harmfulness according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

Classification	Associated hazard symbol	CLP-regulation 1272/2008*
Environmental hazard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life, Category 1 acute • H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects, Category 1 chronic • H411 - Toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects, Category 2 chronic and/or EUH059 hazardous to the ozone layer
Highly toxic	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H330 - Fatal to inhale, Category 1 and 2 • H310 - Fatal in contact with skin Category 1 and 2 • H300 - Fatal if swallowed Category 1 and 2 and/or • H370 - Causes damage to organs, Category 1
Toxic	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H330 - Fatal to inhale, Category 2 • H331 - Toxic if inhaled, Category 3 • H311 - Toxic in contact with skin, Category 3 • H301 - Toxic if swallowed, Category 3 • H370 - Causes damage to organs Category 1 and/or • H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure, Category 1

Carcinogenic, Mutagenic, Toxic for reproduction		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H350 - May cause cancer, Category 1A/B• H350i - May cause cancer by inhalation Category 1B and/or• H351 - Suspected of causing cancer, Category 2• H340 May cause genetic defects, Category 1A/B• H341- Suspected of causing genetic defects, Category 2• H360F - May damage fertility Category 1A/B and/or• H360D - May damage the unborn child, Category 1A/B• H361f - Suspected of damaging fertility Category 2 and/or• H361d - Suspected of damaging the unborn child, Category 2
Respiratory sensitisation, category 1, 1A, 1B		H334 - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
Skin sensitisation, category 1, 1A, 1B		H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction

Annex III

The total quantity of products applied as surface treatment to furniture and fitments classified as environmentally harmful in accordance with the list below must be less than 10 g/m² surface. In cases where UV-varnishes are used the total quantity must be less than 14 g/m² surface

Classification	Hazard symbol	Hazard statement
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Category Acute 1		H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Category Chronic 1		H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Category Chronic 2		H411 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Category Chronic 3	Not used	H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, Category Chronic 4	Not used	H413 - May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life
Hazardous to the ozone layer, Category 1		H420 - Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere EUH 059 - Hazardous to the ozone layer