

# *Environmental Requirements Merchandise*

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## *Environmental Requirements for Merchandise*

For each product group, a number of 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 provide documentation to demonstrate compliance to these requirements upon request. These requirements apply to contracted suppliers as well as any sub-contractors. Danske Bank may conduct reviews on suppliers to ensure requirements are continuously met

Some of the absolute requirements are statutory EU requirements; however, they are specified in this requirement as they are areas where issues with compliance are often identified. Note that certifications (EU Ecolabel, Nordic Swan Ecolabel) are continuously updated and made more ambitious, therefore it is important to ensure the products are continuously aligned with the latest version of the certificate standards

Meeting the recommended requirements shall have a positive weighting when comparing competing products

### *Category – Overall*

#### **Absolute requirements**

Certain materials are prioritised over other. See below for a prioritization material hierarchy. In all cases Ecolabel certified, organically produced and/or recycled materials are required. Products that are reused or upcycled should be prioritised over products containing new virgin materials

- Natural plant fibres (cotton, cellulose derivative, etc.)
- Fibre from PLA (Poly Lactic Acid)
- Animal derivative materials (wool, leather, silk, etc.)
- Polyester/synthetic materials

## *Product group – Clothing and textiles*

### **Absolute requirements**

- Clothing and textiles labelled with EU Eco-label or the Nordic Eco-label. Alternatively, clothing and textiles labelled with the Eco-Tex 100 label or Global Organic Textile Standards (GOTS). **To be included in the text if applicable – ‘Or the replacing label as an outcome of the Sustainable Products initiative. This requirement is valid from date of EU implementation (20xx)’**
- Textiles must not be produced with materials derived from animals and plants which are vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered on the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species or the CITES (convention on International Trade in Endangered Species)

### **Recommended requirements**

- Clothing and textiles certified with Bra Miljöval, Global organic textile standard (GOTS), OEKO-TEX, Better Cotton initiative (BCI) or similar internationally recognized certification
- Clothing and textiles made of recycled or repurposed materials

## *Product group – Leather goods*

### **Absolute requirements**

- Leather goods labelled with the official ecolabel the Nordic Ecolabel
- Leather goods must not contain arsenic, cadmium or lead residue
- Metal items in clothes must not contain nickel, as well as must not exceed the following concentrations of dangerous metals – 2,0 mg/kg arsenic, 0,2 mg/kg lead, 0,1 mg/kg cadmium or 1mg/kg mercury

## *Product group – Toys*

### **Absolute requirements**

- Toys labelled with the official ecolabel the Nordic Ecolabel
- Toys must not contain polyvinylchloride (PVC) phthalates or halogenated organic compounds e.g., per fluorinated compounds
- Toys must not contain perfume substances
- Toys must not contain azo dyes (cf. Appendix 1)
- Toys must not be treated with brominated flame retardants
- Teddy bears and soft toys must be prewashed to remove chemical residues

### **Recommended requirements**

The following requirements may be made

- Does not contain Bisphenol A

To the extent that toys contain textiles and leather goods, reference is made to the requirements for such textiles and leather goods

## *Product group – Advertising items*

As advertising items cover many different types of items, only a few instructions are given here. For other product types, please refer to some of the other Environmental Requirements for suppliers and products on our website;

<https://danskebank.com/suppliers/responsibility/environmental-requirements>.

### **Absolute requirements**

- Advertising items labelled with official eco-label(s)
- Advertising items must not contain polyvinylchloride (PVC) phthalates or halogenated organic compounds e.g., per fluorinated compounds
- Advertising items must not contain nickel, as well as must not exceed the following concentrations of dangerous metals – 2,0 mg/kg arsenic, 0,2 mg/kg lead, 0,1 mg/kg cadmium or 1 mg/kg mercury
- Ink in felt tips and markers must be water-based
- Ink in felt tips and markers must be free from aromatic and chlorinated compounds

### **Recommended requirements**

- Refillable writing utensils is prioritized over single use
- Writing utensils in recycled materials should be used when available
- Does not contain Bisphenol A

## *Product group – Foodstuffs*

### **Absolute requirements**

- Applicable law on foodstuffs must be complied with, including legislation on additives, packaging and declaration of contents in foodstuffs
- Foodstuffs are certified with an organic eco-label (as example Ø-Mærket, KRAV or EU Organic label)
- Species that are vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered on the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species or the CITES (convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) may not be used
- Production site and origin of the foodstuffs must be known and disclosed to Danske Bank

### **Recommended requirements**

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred

- Packaging for foodstuff is made of recyclable materials.
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- Initiatives to decrease foodstuff's environmental impact have been made
- Disposables which do not contain plastic