



Revision of European Ecolabel and GPP Criteria

Furniture Scope and definition

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Current definition, **wooden** furniture:

The product group of 'wooden furniture' shall comprise free-standing or built-in units, which are used for **storing, hanging, lying, sitting, working and eating** of domestic furniture, whether for **indoor or outdoor** use, or used **indoors for business** purposes. Business purposes shall include office and school furniture as well as furniture for restaurants and hotels.

Current definition, **wooden** furniture:

The following conditions shall be fulfilled:

- (a) The product shall be made of **at least 90 % w/w solid wood or wood-based materials**. Glass, if easily replaceable in case of damage or breakage, may be excluded from the weight calculation as may technical equipment and fittings.

- (b) The **weight of any individual material**, other than solid wood and wood-based materials, shall **not exceed 3 % of the total weight** of the product. The total combined weight of such materials shall not exceed 10 % of the total weight of the product.

Proposal new definition, **furniture**:

The product group of 'furniture' shall comprise free-standing or built-in units, which are used for **storing, hanging, lying, sitting, working and eating** of domestic furniture, whether for **indoor or outdoor** use, or used **indoors for business** purposes. Business purposes shall include all kinds of furniture whose primary function is to be used as furniture, for instance furniture for office, school, restaurants, hotels, libraries, theatres, cinemas, etc.

Different types of materials can be used for the furniture such as wood and wood-based materials, metal, plastic, padding materials, textile and glass. Furniture can also contain other components made, for instance, of stone, bamboo or willow.

In order for a furniture product to be marketed as EU Ecolabelled, **the whole product shall be approved**. Textiles, padding materials and paints used in the furniture shall meet the European Ecolabel for textiles, bed mattresses and paints respectively, providing compliance with the criteria in order for the whole product to be approved.

Moreover, a **change of the product group name** from “wooden furniture” to “furniture” is proposed.

Discussion

- Do you agree with a widening of the scope?
- Do you agree to disregard any requirement on the percentage of wood and thus open up to all materials?
- (Weight) limitation of materials not covered by the criteria?



Thank you