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## Foreword

This document (EN 15942:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 350 “Sustainability of construction works”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2012, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2012.

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This document, supports the use of Product Category Rules (FprEN 15804:2011) for construction products. Together they are used as the means for arriving Environmental Product Declarations (EPD).

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**EN 15942:2011 (E)****Introduction**

The aim of this European Standard is to harmonise the way in which environmental product declarations (EPD) are communicated in Europe.

It is relevant to the use of the EPD in the building chain where materials and products are assembled into new products and assemblies, each with their own EPD.

This European Standard will improve handling of the data from EPD at the building level and the assessment of environmental performance of buildings.

An EPD expressed in a standardized format will facilitate the communication of the product's environmental performance for business-to-business (B2B).

**1 Scope**

This European Standard is applicable to all construction products and services related to buildings and construction works. It specifies and describes the communication format for the information defined in FprEN 15804 for business-to-business communication to ensure a common understanding through consistent communication of information.

NOTE This European Standard does not deal with business to consumer communication and is not intended for that purpose. Business to consumer communication format is planned to be the subject of a future document.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

FprEN 15804:2011, *Sustainability of construction works — Environmental product declarations — Core rules for the product category of construction products*

EN ISO 14020, *Environmental labels and declarations — General principles (ISO 14020:2000)*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in FprEN 15804:2011 and the following apply.

**3.1 consumer**  
individual member of the general public purchasing or using goods, property or services for private purposes

[EN ISO 14025:2006]

**3.2 business-to-business communication**  
describing or involving the passage of information between different businesses, rather than between businesses and the general public and consumers

### 3.3 significant figures

those digits of a number that carry meaning contributing to its precision

NOTE This includes all digits except:

- leading and trailing zeros where they serve merely as placeholders to indicate the scale of the number,
- spurious digits introduced, for example, by calculations carried out to greater accuracy than that of the original data, or measurements reported to a greater precision than the EPD supports.

## 4 Symbols and abbreviations

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| B2B  | Business-to-business              |
| EPD  | Environmental Product Declaration |
| ITM  | Information Transfer Matrix       |
| LCA  | Life Cycle Assessment             |
| LCIA | Life Cycle Impact Assessment      |
| PCR  | Product Category Rules            |

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## 5 General principles

To present environmental information in a structured and consistent way and in a common format, a generic template is used. The generic template is used for information transfer.

The generic template is called an Information Transfer Matrix (ITM). The ITM:

- does not preclude the fact that an EPD can have an individual and unique format;
- is the standardized part of EPD communication according to FprEN 15804;
- a statement whether the ITM has been independently verified shall be made.

The ITM addresses the following types of information according to FprEN 15804:

- general information;
- declaration of environmental parameters derived from LCA:
  - parameters describing environmental impacts;
  - parameters describing resource input;
  - additional environmental information describing different waste categories and output flows;
- scenarios and technical information;
- additional information on emissions to indoor air, soil and water during the use stage.

NOTE For all quantified data, the corresponding scenario is specified in accordance with FprEN 15804.

**EN 15942:2011 (E)****6 Requirements for EPD communication format**

An EPD shall include an ITM.

The following requirements on formatting apply (electronic and paper):

- according to EN ISO 14020 the information in the ITM shall not be misleading.
- Structure:
  - the EPD information shall be accurately placed in its unique position identified in the ITM, according to Annex A.
- Numerical data:
  - quantitative data shall be numerically reported in the appropriate units of measurement as prescribed in FprEN 15804;
  - numerical reporting of no more than three significant figures shall be applied.
- Use of language (text):
  - text shall be clearly written adopting a single language throughout;
  - where text is conveying a qualitative issue or parameter, it shall provide sufficient detail as to give transparency and precise and accurate understanding of that issue or parameter.

**7 Information Transfer Matrix**

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**7.1 General**

This clause defines the standardized part of the EPD communication i.e. the generic template.

Communication of standardized environmental information for construction products and services requires a format that provides a location of all elements of information from different sources. The ITM provides a unique and consistent reference position in a grid.

With reference to FprEN 15804 the ITM will contain some information, which is mandatory and some information, which is voluntary, and so in some cases blanks or gaps can occur in the ITM.

The matrix provides the template for communicating this information for each of the information modules as defined in FprEN 15804:2011, Figure 1. The matrix is also used for communicating the information for any of the scenarios, which can occur and/or the respective technical information for these scenarios. The ITM consists of a grid structure in which all items of information according to FprEN 15804 shall be presented.

The ITM allows reporting of an EPD covering a full life cycle, but also for example, of information representing single or multiple scenarios for discrete life cycle stages such as production, use or end of life. Where multiple scenarios for discrete life cycle stages or information modules are to be reported the ITM shall be separated into sub-ITM-tables where each sub table addresses all the scenarios related to a specific life cycle stage or information module. These sub-ITM-tables shall follow the structure of the master-ITM-Tables A.2 to A.8. Where there are known linkages between scenarios of different modules these shall be stated in Table A.2.

The content of an EPD shall be communicated at minimum through the ITM as given in Annex A.

For EPDs which cover only cradle to gate or cradle to gate with options, only the product stage ITM and where relevant scenario ITM shall be provided.



## 7.2 Aggregation of information

The information modules A1, A2, and A3 may be reported separately and/or aggregated to a sub sum of the information module "I Product Stage". No other aggregations shall be made.

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## Annex A (normative)

### Master ITM

The Tables A.1 to A.7 reflect the parameters required in FprEN 15804.

**Table A.1 — Declaration of general information**

| Declaration of general information |   |  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| a                                  | The name and address of the manufacturer(s)   |  |
| b                                  | The description of the construction product's use   |  |
|                                    | The functional unit   |  |
|                                    | The declared unit   |  |
| c                                  | Construction product identification by name (including any product code)  |  |
|                                    | A simple visual representation of the construction product to which the data relates  |  |
| d                                  | A description of the main product components and or material<br><br>NOTE This description is intended to enable the user of the EPD to understand the composition of the product in delivery condition and also support a safe and effective installation, use and disposal of the product.   |  |
| e                                  | Name of the programme used and the programme operator's name and address and, if relevant the logo and website  |  |
| f                                  | The date the declaration was issued   |  |
|                                    | The end of the 5 year period of validity  |  |
| g                                  | Information on which stages are not considered, if the declaration is not based on an LCA covering all life cycle stages  |  |
| h                                  | A statement that EPDs of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with this European Standard  |  |
| i                                  | In the case where an EPD is declared as an average environmental performance for a number of products a statement to that effect shall be included in the declaration:  |  |
|                                    | range/ variability of the LCIA results if significant   |  |
| j                                  | For whom the EPD is representative: The site(s)   |  |
|                                    | The manufacturer  |  |
|                                    | The group of manufacturers or those representing them   |  |
| k                                  | The declaration of material content of the product shall list as a minimum substances contained in the product that are listed in the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation" when their content exceeds the limits for registration with the European Chemicals Agency<br><br>NOTE The source location of any safety data sheet can be provided. |  |
| l                                  | Information on where explanatory material may be obtained<br><br>NOTE Guidance on safe and effective installation, use and disposal of the product is supplied by the manufacture.  |  |
|                                    | http://: or contact for product safety sheet  |  |
|                                    | http://: or contact for product related substances considered under REACH   |  |
|                                    | Linked scenarios  |  |
|                                    | FprEN 15804:2011, Figure 3 shall be completed and reproduced  |  |

Table A.2 — Parameters describing environmental impacts

| Declaration of environmental parameters derived from LCA |                                       |       | Parameters describing environmental impacts |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|---|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|
|  |                                       |       | Global warming potential; GWP               | Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; ODP | Acidification potential of soil and water sources; AP | Eutrophication potential; EP | Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; POCP | Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-elements) for non fossil resources | Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-fossil fuels) for fossil resources |
|  |                                       |       | kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv.                   | kg CFC 11 equiv.  | kg SO <sub>2</sub> equiv.                             | kg PO <sub>4</sub> equiv.    | kg Ethene equiv.                                | kg Sb equiv.  | MJ, net calorific value.  |
| Product stage  | Raw material supply                   | A1    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Transport                             | A2    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Manufacturing                         | A3    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Total (of product stage)              | Total |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
| Construction process stage                               | Transport                             | A4    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Construction installation process     | A5    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
| Use stage  | Use                                   | B1    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Maintenance                           | B2    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Repair                                | B3    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Replacement                           | B4    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Refurbishment                         | B5    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Operational energy use                | B6    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Operational water use                 | B7    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
| End of life  | De-construction, demolition           | C1    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Transport                             | C2    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Waste processing                      | C3    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|  | Disposal                              | C4    |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
| Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries          | Re-use, recovery, recycling potential | D     |   |   |   |                              |   |   |   |

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