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Introduction

This document belongs to a suite of standards dealing with environmental labels and declarations for products. It provides requirements and guidelines for how environmental aspects and potential environmental impacts of a product related to a specific area of concern can be communicated. The aim of this document is to ensure that only valid, science-based and comparable purchasing information is provided without any “greenwashing”.

Footprint communication is intended solely to promote the dissemination of credible product information that is not misleading.

Footprint communications take into consideration the local or regional context relevant to the area where the potential environmental impacts might occur, including the production, use and end-of-life stages.

This document is intended to ensure that all footprint communications, regardless of the quantification methodology, follow the same principles and procedures.

This document provides principles, requirements and guidelines for an organization wishing to make a product footprint communication.

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1 Scope

This document provides principles, requirements and guidelines for footprint communications for products addressing areas of concern relating to the environment.

This document also provides requirements and guidelines for footprint communication programmes, as well as requirements for verification procedures.

This document does not address the quantification of a footprint, nor does it address the communication of footprints that are not related to the environment, e.g. footprints addressing social or economic issues. In particular, footprint communications relating to the economic and social dimensions of sustainable development are outside the scope of this document. Footprint communications relating to organizations are also outside the scope of this document.

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