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Wallpaper Pastes/Adhesives from Renewable Raw Materials

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For the Awardance of the Eco-Label





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1. Application Areas

The following criteria contain the requirements for the awardance of the natureplus eco-label for the product group "Wallpaper Pastes/Adhesives from Renewable Raw Materials". This award guideline is to be applied exclusively to the named product group. Dispersion adhesives and paper and wood glues from renewable raw materials and mineral-based adhesives are outside the scope of this guideline.

2. Award Criteria

The prerequisite for the awardance of the natureplus eco-label is the fulfilment of the basic criteria GL-0000, of the chemicals directive GL-5001 and of the guideline for facility inspections GL-5004.

2.1 Suitability of Application

The classification of the adhesives must comply with DIN EN 923 („Adhesives – Terms and Definitions“) Appendix A and be suitable for the adhesion of (paper) wall coverings on all interior surfaces suited to this application.

2.2 Composition, Forbidden Substances, Substance Restrictions

The product must be made to 99 M-% from mineral and renewable raw materials and water.

Synthetically modified natural materials (cellulose and starch derivatives) may be employed.

The proportion of organic solvents must not exceed 0.5 M-%.

Preservatives may only be employed in ready-to-use liquid products, which are already available in retail or wholesale outlets, for the purpose of preserving the can or container.

The product must not be classified in WGK 2 or WGK 3 (Water Hazard Classes 2 and 3) according to VwVwS (Administrative Regulation on the Classification of Substances Hazardous to Waters into Water Hazard Classes) of the German Environmental Agency (Umwelt Bundes Amt).

Preserving agents not licensed as food additives (as per Directive 89/107/EWG or equivalent) or for cosmetics (as per Directive 2003/15/EC or equivalent), halogenic organic compounds, tin organic compounds, phtalates, APEOs, formaldehyde and formaldehyde releasing agents must not be added to the product.



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The product is subject to laboratory analyses as laid down in section 3 and has to comply with the limit values stated therein.

2.3 Raw Material Sourcing, Production of Preliminary Products, Production

A certificate of origin must be provided for all renewable raw materials.

If methyl-cellulose is used as an additive, the following requirement must be complied with: The production of the methyl-cellulose must not negatively impact upon the environment through waste water. Proof of compliance in accordance with the national implementation of the EU-guideline EU-GL 76/464/EWG and GL 9661/EG (IPPC) must be provided in the form of an independent expert assessment report.

2.4 Usage

In a solid state, the product must not exhibit any unpleasant or foreign smells or odours.

The emissions during use have to be in compliance with the limit values according to section 3. The tests in section 3 are performed according to the manufacturers information relating to the quantities required per coat or application. The tests are performed on a suitable test surface.

2.5 Recycling/Disposal

A disposal concept must be provided for the product (composite materials). The adhesive should not have a significant negative affect on the disposal characteristics of the components.

2.6 Ecological Parameters

The manufacturing of all products of this product group must be in compliance with the ecological parameters listed below.

Ecological parameters per kg	Guide values ¹
Primary energy input of non renewable total resources (PENRE ²) [MJ]	30
Primary energy input of non renewable and renewable total resources (PET ³) [MJ]	35
Photochemical ozone creation potential (POCP) [kg ethylen-equiv.]	0,0008



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Acidification potential (AP) [kg SO ₂ -equiv.]	0,02
Eutrophication potential (EP) [kg PO ₄ ³⁻ -equiv.]	0,01
Global-warming potential (GWP) [kg CO ₂ equiv.]	2
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP) [kg Sb equiv.]	0,000006

If a single guide value is exceeded, it will be decided on a case by case basis whether this is permissible for the purpose of optimising the complete product manufacturing process.

¹Testing method: Calculation of the ecological parameters according to natureplus® implementing provisions for life cycle assessments; inventory analysis analogous to ISO 14040ff; efficiency categories according to CML-IA version 4.1 from October 2012 and characterised as baseline; primary energy requirement according to Frischknecht 1996; global-warming potential 1994/100 years; system limits: raw material sourcing to products ready for shipment

² PENRE: primary energy input of non renewable energy resources

³ PET: primary energy inputs of renewable and non renewable total resources

2.7 Declaration

The product packaging should display a full declaration of the input materials listed, analogue to the EU-Cosmetic Regulations, according to the declining mass percentage. If it is not possible to display this information directly on the product packing, it should be provided with the product in a technical datasheet or sales leaflet (in English or in the national language). If intermediate/preliminary products or formulations are used as input substances and the proportion present in the final product is >0.1 M-%, then all the substances used within these must also be taken into account for the declaration.

For naming the input materials as part of the declaration the following applies:

- More than 1 M-% - designation of the substance in question
- Less than 1 M-% - at least a functional designation (e.g. "moth proofing agent")

Furthermore, it is obligatory to provide the following information in a suitable form to the consumer or user (eg. online):

- Instructions for use and safety precautions
- Indications for storage and disposal
- Batch numbers
- City/town and country of production
- Indication of geographical origin of the key input material



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When employing components with a potential for environmental hazard, the manufacturer has to suitably indicate measures to be taken to ensure environmental protection during removal and demolition (i.e. controlled deconstruction).

Additionally, the following product-specific information must be made available to the consumer or user.

- General data (type, name, batch numbers, designation etc.)
- Application areas and suitability of application
- Stability, storage suitability, storage conditions
- Density
- pH-value
- The dynamic viscosity
- Bulk weight
- Solubility
- Suitable surfaces for application, general requirements for the surface characteristics
- Preparation of the surface and the treatments or priming required
- Information on dealing with old wallpaper or paint layers.
- Average covering power / efficiency in m²
- Drying time under normal climatic conditions (20°C, 60% relative humidity)
- Cleaning instructions (tools, appliances, clothing)

2.8 Processing and Installation

When using primers or fillers, it must be possible to use a natureplus certified product or a very low emission product in accordance with EMICODE EC1 or a comparable standard (e.g. "Blauer Engel" – the Blue Angel environmental quality label). The manufacturer must include a reference to at least one of these products within the product documentation.

For appropriate and professional processing, detailed and comprehensible processing instructions must be provided with the product in the respective national language.

2.9 Packaging

The packaging used must be recyclable. The manufacturer must participate in a recycling system if there is one for the corresponding material.

Paper and cardboard packaging must be made from recycled paper. Alternatively, paper from sources as per GL-5002 is permitted.



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Plastic packaging must be comprised from polyolefins. PET, polystyrene or polycarbonates are allowed exceptionally in reasonable cases. Packaging made from PVC is generally not permitted.

Packaging must not contain biocides.

The natureplus certification mark has to be printed on the packaging after the awardance of the product.

3. Laboratory Tests

The products are subject to laboratory analyses to test for harmful substances and undesirable ancillary ingredients. A representative sample is collected during the site inspection. If the sample collection can not be conducted by a natureplus examiner, an independent person designated by natureplus can collect the sample. For products with different sizes but the same composition, a single sample is sufficient.

3.1 VOC - TVOC

The product is subject to a test-chamber examination to survey the emissions of VOC, SVOC and other volatile compounds and to check compliance with the limit values. Measurements usually occur after 3 and 28 days. When low VOC emissions are to be expected, the emissions test can be terminated early, if a measurement 7 days after loading of the test chamber does not object to this. The test-chamber examination is performed according to the current version of the test method TM-01 VOC.

Emission measurement after 3 days

Test parameters	Limits	Unit
VOC (VOC, VVOC, SVOC) classified in: Regulations (EC) No. 1272/2008: categories Carc. 1A und 1B, Muta 1A und 1B, Repr. 1A und 1B; TRGS 905: K1, K2, M1, M2, R1, R2; IARC groups 1 u. 2A; DFG MAK-list III1, III2	< 1	µg/m ³
Total volatile organic compounds (TVOC)	≤ 3000	µg/m ³

Emission measurement after 28 days

Test parameters	Limits	Unit
Total volatile organic compounds (TVOC)	≤ 300	µg/m ³

of which:		
Total bicyclic terpenes	≤ 200	µg/m ³
Total sensitising substances per MAK IV, BgVV-list cat. A, TRGS 907	≤ 100	µg/m ³
Total VOC (VOC, VVOC, SVOC) classified in:		
Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Kategorie Carc. 2, Muta 2, Repr. 2; TRGS 905: K3, M3, R3; IARC: group 2B; DFG MAK-list: III3	≤ 50	µg/m ³
Total aldehyde, C4-C11, acyclic, aliphatic	≤ 100	µg/m ³
Styrene	≤ 10	µg/m ³
Methylisothiazolinone (MIT)	< 1	µg/m ³
Benzaldehyde	≤ 20	µg/m ³
Total (VOC) without non-identified compounds	≤ 100	µg/m ³

A calculation of the r-value is performed. The limit value is ≤ 1.

Other emission measurements after 28 days

Test parameters	Limit values	Unit
Total semi-volatile organic compounds (TSVOC)	≤ 100	µg/m ³
Formaldehyde	≤ 24 ⁽¹⁾	µg/m ³
Acetaldehyde	≤ 24 ⁽¹⁾	µg/m ³

⁽¹⁾ 24 µg/m³ ≈ 0,02 ppm

Termination criteria:

The emissions test can be terminated 7 days after loading the test chamber, if the values measured at this time are lower than 50% of the 28-day threshold limits.

3.2 Element Analyses

The product is subject to an element analysis to determine the content of harmful elements and to check for undesirable contaminations. The measurements have to be in compliance with the limit values. The analysis is performed according to the current version of the test method TM-02 metals.

Element	Limit value	Unit
Arsenic (As)	5	mg/kg
Cadmium (Cd)	0,5	mg/kg
Cobalt (Co)	10	mg/kg
Chromium (Cr)	2	mg/kg
Copper (Cu)	20	mg/kg
Mercury (Hg)	0,1	mg/kg
Nickel (Ni)	10	mg/kg
Lead (Pb)	5	mg/kg
Antimony (Sb)	1	mg/kg
Tin (Sn)	1	mg/kg

3.3 Other Analyses

Test parameters	Limit values	Unit	Method
Halogenic organic compounds: AOX/EOX	≤ 1	mg/kg	TM-03 Halo
Aromatic hydrocarbons (total)	≤ 30	mg/kg	Headspace GC/MS analog EN ISO 17895
CMR ⁽¹⁾ - individual aromatics	≤ 1	mg/kg	Headspace GC/MS analog EN ISO 17895
Delta-3-Caren	≤ 20	mg/kg	Solvent extraction und GC/MS
Glykolether/-ester	≤ 20	mg/kg	Solvent extraction and GC/MS
Phtalate ester	≤ 10	mg/kg	Solvent extraction und GC/MS
Monomer acrylate	≤ 1	mg/kg	Headspace GC/MS analog EN ISO 17895
Free formaldehyde	≤ 20	mg/kg	UV-Vis (VdL-RL 03) steam dest., AcAc, UV
Organic tin compounds: single values for MBT, DBT, TBT	≤ 50	µg/kg	

Asbestos fibres	asbestos free according to DAB ⁽²⁾		SEM
Odour	≤ 3	Odour intensity	TM-04 Odour
Total pesticides	≤ 1	mg/kg	TM-05 Pesticides
Individual pesticides			
Organochlorine pesticides: Aldrin, Chlordane, DDD, DDE, DDT, Dichlofluanid, Dieldrin, Endrin, Heptachlor, Hexachlorobenzene, Lindane, Pentachlorophenol			
Organophosphate pesticides: Dimethoat, Fenthion, Parathion-methyl, Parathion-ethyl, Phosalon	≤ 0,5	mg/kg	TM-05 Pesticides
Pyrethroids: Cypermethrin, Lambda-Cyhalothrin, Permethrin			
Other: Benomyl, Carbendazim, Prochloraz			
Halogenated isothiazolinones	≤ 0,1	mg/kg	

⁽¹⁾ C = carcinogenic; M = mutagenic; R = toxic for reproduction; classified according to German Prohibited Chemical Substances Regulations (GefStoffV)

⁽²⁾ DAB - German register of medicines

Test Methods

TM-01 VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds VOC/TVOC, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and TSVOC: DIN EN ISO 16000 series expanded by the natureplus implementation rules.

TM-02 Metals: ICP-MS measurements according to DIN EN ISO 17294-2, supplemented with the natureplus implementation rules and a sample preparation adjusted to the issue analysed.

TM-03 Halo: Halogenic organic compounds after combustion, determined by microcoulometry according to the natureplus implementation rules "AOX/EOX".



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TM-04 Odour: natureplus implementation rules "odour intensity", 6-degree grading scale 24h after loading the test chamber

TM-05 Pesticides: DFG S 19 supplemented with the natureplus implementation rules.