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This newsletter offers information about the International EPD[®] system on current global activities related to PCR and EPD development. The EPD[®] newsletter is issued 3 times per year.

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Formalization of the International EPD[®] system

On March 1, 2009 the transition period for the International EPD[®] system ended. Consequently, all new PCRs and EPDs shall follow the GPI (General Programme Instructions 1.0, dated 2008-02-29) replacing the MSR 1999:2, which is not valid for use any more. This does not affect EPDs based on the MSR 1999:2 that still are valid, but all new EPDs and PCRs must follow the new requirements in the GPI. Also, a new international technical committee has been formed consisting of:

- Adriana Del Borghi, University of Genova, Italy
- Maurizio Fieschi, Studio Fieschi, Italy
- Lars-Gunnar Lindfors, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Sweden
- Caroline Setterwall, Vattenfall, Sweden

The technical committee is chaired by Joakim Thornéus, the secretariat for the International EPD[®] system.

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Carbon Footprint vs Climate Declaration: two tools in comparison

Climate change is of high concern, driving growing demand for environmental information. Product-related estimations related to greenhouse effect and global warming are now in widespread use across the media, the government and in the business world. Carbon Footprints and Climate Declarations are two environmental tools becoming more and more

recognised in the business sector. Adriana Del Borghi, Michela Gallo, Carlo Strazza, and Felice Alfieri at CE.Si.S.P., University of Genoa, Italy have written an article comparing the two tools.

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Open consultation on process certification clarification (PCC)

In the General Programme Instructions – chapter 4.7 “Internal Verification (EPD process certification)” is described an activity where organisations can develop and launch EPDs without a third party certifier being involved in each case. The PCC clarifies how companies shall apply a systemised manner and specifically the demands that need to be verified by a third party verifier. As the International EPD® builds on stakeholder involvement we are happy to receive comments on the document. The document is on open consultation until September 1st 2009. Please send your comments to info@environdec.com.

[▶ Read more about the process certification clarification \(PCC\)](#)

New website for climate declarations

The International EPD® system offers climate declarations and has launched a new website dedicated to give specific information about the concept and content of climate declarations.

[▶ Read more about climate declarations at \[www.climatedec.com\]\(http://www.climatedec.com\)](#)

PCR-modules

The work developing PCR-modules for a large number of product categories continues. Draft documents for a number of new modules can be found below. We appreciate any comments on the draft documents.

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Interested in environmental and climate declarations and EPD development?

It is possible for organizations or associations that are interested in or having in-depth and valuable knowledge of PCR - and LCA- related matters to join as members and be a part of the future development of the International EPD® system. Read more about the membership on our website. Please contact the secretariat at info@environdec.com. in case you are interested.

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Update of www.environdec.com

There are plans for an update of the website www.environdec.com. The update aims to improve the information and structure on the website. We have already made some modifications for searching PCR documents. We welcome any suggestions how to improve the website. Please send any suggestions to info@environdec.com.

New Registered EPDs

	Cleaning Inox Trolley, Falpi Srl
	Concrete roof tile, CEDA Spa
	Concrete roof tile, Gambale
	Concrete roof tile, Monier Spa
	Concrete roof tile, La Cecosa
	Drinkable spring water, Municipaly of Lizzano
	Electricity from Beznau Nuclear Power Plant, NOK AG
	Electricity and heat from Coal, Vattenfall
	Mechanism for office seating, Epron Plus, Donati Srl
	Mechanism for office seating, Dynamic Plus, Donati Srl
	Office Chair, RH Ambio, RH Form AB
	Office Chair, RH Extend, RH Form AB
	Office Chair, RH Logic 400, RH Form AB
	Sandwich panels for air ducts, P3
	Windows, CORMO

Latest PCR activities

New

2009:01 Mechanism for office seating
2008:08 Engineered Stone
2008:07 Cleaning Inox Trolley
2008:06 Air ducts - substantial materials
PCR Module CPC 38, Furniture

Started

Basic Chemicals (PCR Module)
Beverages (PCR Module)
Dairy products and egg products (PCR Module)
Fishery products (PCR Module)
Forestry and logging products (PCR Module)
Freight transports (PCR Module)
General Purpose Machinery (PCR Module)
Hotel Services
Meat, Fish, Fruit (PCR Module)
Plastics in Primary forms
Postal and courier services (PCR Module)
Products of agriculture, horticulture and market gardening (PCR Module)
Products of wood, cork, straw, plaiting materials (PCR Module)
Pulp paper and paper products (PCR Module)
Railway vehicles
Special purpose machinery (PCR Module)
Sterilizer machines
Telecommunications services (PCR Module)
Wine

