

# Product Category Rules

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## Thermal Insulation



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**GLOBAL GREENTAG INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION (EPD) PROGRAM**

**Type III EPDs**

**Compliant to**

**EN 15804 +A2, ISO 14025 and ISO 21930**

**For construction products**

**Sub Product Category Rules (PCR) based on Life Cycle Analysis**

**Thermal Insulation sub PCR 2021 TIN V1**

## I. Application

While CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the core Product Category Rules (PCR)s pertaining to all product categories, this document contains sub PCRs that apply to a particular product category. The former is called the PCR master document and the latter is called the sub PCR. When new product assessments are needed, a sub PCR is developed and new rules defined for that category. As environmental health legislation is enacted, rules in the master document shall be revised with file name and revisions clearly marked so all such PCRs are identifiable for those points in time.

## II. Authors

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## III. Terms of Validity

- Product Category Rules Thermal Insulation sub PCR 2021 TIN V1
- PCR issue date 3/09/2021 and Period of validity to 3/09/2023

## IV. Goal

The intended goal of this sub PCR is a guide for developing EPDs for sets of defined product with specified functionality. Users include specifiers, manufacturers and stakeholders. It is valid for all such defined products and related components according to standards and technical approvals herein.

## V. Product Set Definition

The declared product set includes thermal insulation used for interior applications of all kinds having:

- Cladding, decorating, ceiling, interior walls, flooring functionality including fabrications of:
- Textile, polymer, foam material types formed as
- Fabric, panels, 3D tiles, ceiling tiles, underfloor physical forms etc.

Where relevant specifications must conform to International and Australian Standards including:

- ISO 12576:2001 Insulating material for buildings Conformity;
- AS/NZS 4859.1:2002 Materials for the thermal insulation of buildings, Part 1: General criteria and technical provisions
- AS 3999-2015 – Thermal insulation of dwellings – Bulk insulation – Installation requirements.
- AS 4426-1997 – Thermal insulation of pipework, ductwork and equipment – Selection, installation and finish
- ISO 13787:2003 building and industrial equipment Determining declared thermal conductivity;
- ISO/WD 17738-1 Exterior insulation and finish systems;
- ISO/AWI 17749 Sheep wool board and mat;
- ISO 12574-2:2008 Cellulose-fibre loose-fill for horizontal applications in ventilated roof spaces;
- ISO 8144:1995 Mineral wool mats for ventilated roof spaces;
- ISO 4898:2010 Rigid cellular plastics -- buildings – Specifications;
- ISO 9076-2:2008 Mineral-wool loose-fill for horizontal applications in ventilated roof spaces.

System outcomes and results are declared per R-value/m<sup>2</sup> metric unit and reflect product performance at reference conditions of exposure, strength, wear, temperature and humidity defined by 14025:2006, 6.7.

The functional unit for cradle to grave EPDs e.g. reflects reference conditions for service of:

- 20 years function in commercial and residential sector fitout e.g for sets of mm thick sheets;
- 60 years function in commercial and industrial sector built fabric for sets of kg/m<sup>2</sup> sheet.

## **VI. Declared Unit**

The declared unit is thermal insulation use /R-value building nett lettable area cradle to gate with options LCA where applicable.

## **VII. Functional Unit**

Here the functional unit is 60 years of thermal insulation use, in commercial, industrial or residential sector buildings/R-value nett lettable area, cradle to grave .

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