



Newsletter #2 2016

## THE INTERNATIONAL EPD® SYSTEM

### What is PEF?

Many EPD stakeholders have heard about Product Environmental Footprint and would like to know more about the. Who is behind the initiative, how will it be used and how does it relate to long-running voluntary initiatives?

**Kristian Jelse**, Project Manager for the PCR database and PCR development at the Secretariat, will answer some of these questions.



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### Updated characterisation factors for default impact categories

The recommended characterisation factors have recently been updated for the four default impact categories to use in EPDs: Acidification potential, Eutrophication potential, Global warming potential and Photochemical oxidant creation potential.

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### The EPD website has been improved

The search functionality of the EPD database of the International EPD® System has now been updated to include two new aspects.

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### Two new PCRs published in February

Two new Product Category Rules (PCR) were published in February - Other prepared and preserved fruit and Edible products of animal origin, n.e.c. The PCRs are now available for any company in the industry to develop and register an EPD of their products. Download them from the PCR database in the International EPD® System.

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### Unregistered EPDs have been observed

Some cases have been observed where unregistered documents are published by companies carrying the EPD® logotype without the document being registered in the International EPD® System. Such a use is not allowed.

If you would encounter a document with the EPD® logotype, which is not available on the EPD search at [www.environdec.com](http://www.environdec.com), please contact the [Secretariat](#).

## Upcoming event in Malmö, Sweden

On April 5th, the EPD International Secretariat will co-host a breakfast seminar about EPD and BASTA as tools for the construction sector. The event will be in Swedish and take place in Malmö.

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## Newly registered EPDs

These are some of the latest registered EPDs in the International EPD® System from companies such as Alçıbay Gips Geliştirilmiş İnşaat Malzemeleri ve Perlitli Sıva Sanayi A.Ş., Vinidex Pty Limited, Hartmann Foromed Srl, Saint Gobain Isover Ibérica SL, Kingspan Access Floors Limited.



[See them all here](#)

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## Latest PCR activities

### Recently published PCR

**Other prepared and preserved fruit**  
**Edible product of animal origin, n.e.c**  
**Containers of pape and paperboard, except beverages cartons**

### Newly initiated PCRs under development

**Dispensing systems (update)**  
**Shower enclosures**

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- [What opportunities are there for LCA consultants to work with the International EPD® System?](#)

- [What is the definition of a "construction product"?](#)

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