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In this newsletter we are especially glad to inform you that the first EPDs according to the updated construction PCR have been published.

### First EPDs according to updated construction PCR published

Industrias JUNO S.A and Polisan Kansai Boya San. ve Tic. A.Ş. have published the first EPDs based on the new version of the EN 15804 standard. The new version of EN 15804 was published at the end of 2019 and the International EPD System was one of the first programme operators on the market to implement these changes and issue a PCR based on the updated EN 15804 (PCR 2014:14).



Read more and find the newly published EPDs [here](#).

## An initiative to harmonize PCR

The International EPD® system has taken an initiative to start an ISO activity to meet the demand of harmonization of GPI and in particular PCR. As a result, ISO recently started to develop a standard on “Mutual Recognition between EPD programme operators” in a new Working Group – ISO TC 207/SC 3/WG 8. The first WG meeting was held in Seoul, South Korea, in late January 2020. The next meeting will be held in Stockholm late autumn 2020. The standard will be referred to as ISO/TS 14029 and is scheduled to be published in mid-2022.

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## Updated PCR for construction products

This is the new Product Category Rules (PCR) for construction products, PCR 2019:14. The PCR is based on the updated European standard for EPDs of construction products, EN 15804, which was launched in 2019.

Compared to the old version, the new PCR has different requirements in terms of allowed scopes, required indicators and allocation procedures, among others. The PCR provides a link between the requirements in the General Programme Instructions of the International EPD® System and the new EN 15804. It is also meant to provide a basis for EPDs based on ISO 21930:2017 if additional requirements are met.

The old PCR for Construction products, PCR 2012:01, will be valid until 2020-09-01 to enable EPD owners and EPD users to adapt to the new standard.

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## Clarification regarding indicators for use of resources and waste

When declaring use of resources and waste production in an EPD, so called “elementary flows”, data must be summed and declared, not only flows related to the core processes. That means that you must

declare data along the entire life cycle of each of the materials, processes, transports etc, not only data directly taken from the Life Cycle Inventory of the EPD owner.

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## Newly initiated PCR developments

- Wine
- Impregnated and extruded textile articles
- Rubber articles for footwear
- Basic forestry products
- Rehabilitation services of highways, streets and roads (a c-PCR to PCR 2019:14 Construction products)

These PCR developments will have open consultations starting in the coming two months.

## Ongoing open consultations

- Textile manufacturing services, fabrics made of vegetable fibres other than cotton for other uses than apparel, open consultation ending (2020-04-07)
- Tissue products, open consultation ending (2020-04-10)

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## Guidance on making EPDs of products not yet on the market published

The Technical Committee of the International EPD® System has published guidance on how to create EPDs on products not yet on the market. This may occur, for example, in public procurement when companies are requested to provide customized versions of their standard range of products.

[The guidance is available here](#)

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