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Stay up to date with the latest news and information from the EPD Secretariat. The International EPD® System is a global programme for voluntary and transparent communication of the life cycle environmental performance of goods and services. Since the publication of the first EPD in 1999, the database of the International EPD® System has been continuously growing to become one of the largest in the world. Today, the database contains EPDs from organizations from all over the world covering a broad range of product categories.

New PCR Partnership Programme established

Harmonization of Product Category Rules (PCR) is at the heart of meeting EU and global market expectations to make lifecycle-based environmental performance data of manufacturers' products and services comparable. EPD International AB therefore now calls for deep collaboration between and the coordination of the PCR development processes amongst EPD Programme Operators and PCR developers in a market-driven PCR Partnership Programme (PPP).

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Summer schedule of the secretariat

The Secretariat will be open throughout the whole summer. Though, you may experience some short delays during June and July. Stay safe and have a lovely holiday!

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New upcoming sunset date for PCRs following old EN15804:2012 A1

EPD International AB has received requests regarding the validity for the use of PCRs and complimentary PCRs (c-PCRs) according to the old EN15804:2012 A1 (i.e. PCR

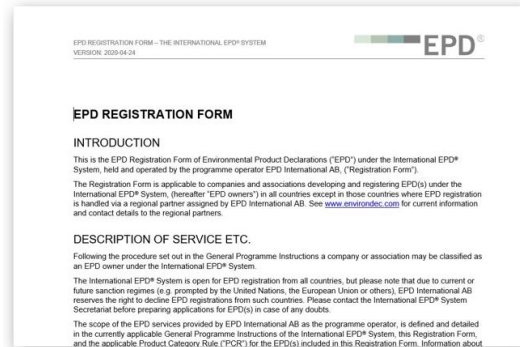
2012:01). Being one of the first programme operators on the market offering PCRs following the new EN15804:2019 A2, we will ensure to align the sunset dates for any PCRs and c-PCRs according to the old EN15804:2012 A1 to secure a smooth transition. We therefore expect a prolongment of the validity date of those PCRs and c-PCRs beyond 2020-09-01. Nevertheless, we strongly recommend organisations who start their EPD development to follow our PCRs that follow the new EN15804:2019 A2 standard already today.

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Updated registration form for EPD registration and publication

From May 1, 2020 you will automatically download our updated registration form. You will need this updated form for the registration and publication of your EPDs with our Secretariat.

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Do you know when to contact a regional hub?

Our regional hubs provide local support and promote the use of EPDs in their regions. The hubs are also responsible for the registration of EPDs into the International EPD® System library at

www.environdec.com for companies in their regions. See the full list and contact information here and listen to Kelly Taylor from EPD Australasia explaining what they do and when to contact them.

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Clarification regarding the use of normalization within EPDs

Normalization may be a powerful and useful instrument inside an LCA study, but its results cannot be reported in an EPD. This is because an EPD shall not, according to the General Programme Instructions, include any rating or judgements, which are inherent parts of normalization. The position of the International EPD System on normalization is further clarified on our website.

Updated clarification regarding indicators for use of resources and waste

The indicators for use of resources and waste shall account for resource used and waste produced along the whole life cycle of the declared product (upstream, core and downstream processes). The updated clarification is available on this page (scroll down to headline two) and will be added to future revisions of the General Programme Instructions.

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