

Sustainable Product Certification™

Overview

For manufacturers of sustainable products, certification to independent standards and regulations is becoming a prerequisite. Through UL Environment's Sustainable Product Certification (SPC) service, you can work with the global leader in standards, testing and certification to efficiently meet these requirements.

SPC provides you with a single, global source for testing and certifying your products, processes and materials. Now, you can provide industry professionals and consumers alike with the confidence of knowing that your product was reviewed and is backed by the trusted reputation of a global leader in standards, testing and compliance, a reputation built over 115 years.

Once testing is complete, you are provided with documentation that will allow you to begin using the Sustainable Product Certification Mark on your products per the terms of the standard of reference. Additionally, your product will be posted on our Database of Validated and Certified Products, an online, an online tool that allows industry professionals, as well as consumers, to identify sustainable products by product category, company name, product name or type of claim.

Why Sustainable Product Certification is needed

As manufacturers have increased the number of products they make using sustainable materials, the need for sustainability standards has grown. This demand has led to the development of standards that help differentiate true environmental products from those that are not, allowing for informed comparisons by industry decision makers and consumers alike. Sustainability standards already exist for a few industries (see sidebar) and others are planned or in development.

As industry sustainability standards evolve and become more numerous, certification to those standards will be critical for manufacturers seeking access to the environmental products marketplace.

UL Environment offers testing and certification to current environmental standards and participates in the development and maintenance of sustainability standards published by other standards development organizations. UL Environment also will develop new UL Environment standards as needed.

With an infrastructure of 64 laboratory, testing and certification facilities serving customers in 98 countries, UL Environment has the expertise, reach and capacity to provide comprehensive services to the green-building industry. With UL Environment, a single

What products can UL Environment certify?

Here's a partial (and growing) list:

- Carpeting
- Office furniture
- Information technology equipment
- Others to follow



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The Certification Process

Submitting a Project



i Customer submits summary of requested certification services on ulenvironment.com

ii Materials reviewed; quote prepared and discussed with customer

iii Quote delivered

iv Contract signed and engineering project owner assigned

Testing and Analysis



i Test plan developed

ii Samples submitted and tested; audits conducted

iii Review testing and audit results

iv Report delivered

Certification Complete



i Your product is listed in the Database of Validated and Certified Products (Note: This database will be online in summer 2009)

ii You can begin using the Sustainable Product Certification Mark on your product per terms of the standard of reference

Reassessment



i For each certified product, we will retest through our Conformity Integrity Service (CIS) to determine continued compliance

partner now gives you the capacity to test a wide range of environmental attributes, from recycled content and energy efficiency to water usage and emissions. Through this expertise, UL Environment not only provides you with the efficiency of one-source testing for multiple certifications, but also can offer you trusted guidance at every step of the process.

Getting started

As with our Environmental Claims Validation™ service, Sustainable Product Certification is available on a per-project basis or via an annual service agreement. To request a quote, go to ulenvironment.com, click "Request a Quote" and fill out a simple form. All you'll need to prepare is the certifications you seek and electronic versions of any related documentation (e.g., marketing materials, product literature, etc.). We'll follow up with any questions and turn around a quote shortly. If you want additional information, please visit us on the Web at ulenvironment.com. Or you can reach us by email at ulenvironment@ulenvironment.com or by phone at 1-888-485-4733 4733 (39-039-6410-143 for international customers).

About UL Environment

UL Environment is helping support the growth and development of sustainable products and services in the global marketplace through standards development and independent third-party assessment and certification. UL Environment is a wholly owned subsidiary of Underwriters Laboratories®, a global leader in conformity assessment that has been testing and certifying products and writing standards for more than a century.

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