CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL

CIC GREEN PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

Assessment Standard

Technical Requirements

Block for Internal Partition

(Version 2)

Block for Internal Partition

Summary of Assessment Criteria

CORE CRITERIA

Criteria	Requirements	Verification	Points		Index
			Basic	+Bonus	
Product Information	Provide following information with delivered products or made accessible to public: • Basic product specifications • The intended use of the product • Instructions for correct use and storage to maximise the lifetime of the product • Recommended maintenance instructions for the product • Installation method • Instructions for consumer product disposal • Country of origin	Documentation including but not limited to product catalogue, technical datasheet, webpages	**5**	-	4.1.1
RESOURCE					
Material Optimisation	Raw Materials: **For concrete blocks** Option A Points awarded according to recycling contents listed below: • ⩾ 50% (10 basic points) • ⩾ 70% (10 basic + 5 bonus points) **OR** Option B Points awarded according to density listed below: • ⩽ 700 kg/m^3 (10 basic points) • ⩽ 400 kg/m^3 (10 basic + 5 bonus points) **For gypsum blocks,** Points awarded according to recycling contents listed below: • ⩾ 25% (10 basic points) • ⩾ 95% (10 basic + 5 bonus points) **For hemp blocks,** Points awarded according to natural waste material contents listed below: • ⩾ 60% (10 basic points); • ⩾ 100% (10 basic + 5 bonus points) Points awarded according to sustainable source materials listed below: • ⩾ 60% (10 basic points);	Documentation including but not limited to product catalogue, MSDS, test reports and written declaration	**10**	+5	4.3.1.1

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Carry out at least FIVE testing items to demonstrate quality, durability and performance properties of the product. Relevant tests include the followings:
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• Reaction/ Resistance to fire
• Bending tensile strength / flexural strength
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			Basic	+Bonus	
	• Drying shrinkage • Crushing/ Fragmentation resistance • Water vapour permeability/ water tightness • Shear bond strength / resistance • Compaction/ Load-bearing capacity • Chemical resistance • Resistance to disintegration				
		Subtotal:	**50**	+5	

NON-CORE CRITERIA

Criteria	Requirements	Verification	Points +Bonus	Index
CARBON				
CFP Quantification	Provide a 3rd party endorsed life cycle assessment report with the carbon footprint of products (CFP), covering at least A1 to A3 OR a product level Environmental Product Declaration (EPD).	CFP quantification report **OR** Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)	+10	4.2.1
RESOURCE				
Circularity	Recyclability: Developed a recycling plan for the product and declared options for reuse, recycling, recovery and disposal.	Documentation on recycling plan	+5	4.3.2.1
	Packaging Requirement: The packaging materials shall not contain halogenated plastics; *OR* Shall be comprised of 100% recycled materials, readily recyclable materials or decomposable materials; *OR* Shall not be impregnated, labelled, coated or otherwise treated in a manner, which would prevent or significantly limit recycling.	Documentation on packaging materials used	+5	4.3.2.2
Waste Management	Waste Management Plan: Implement effective waste management plan detailing the policies, procedures and/or a waste management program covering manufacturing operations.	Waste management plan	+5	4.3.3.1
Water Management	Option A: Water Consumption Reporting: Report both potable and non-potable water usage in the production process of the past year.	Water consumption report	+5/ +10	4.3.4.1
	Water Recycling Program: Develop and implement a water recycling program during the manufacturing process.	Documentation on water recycling		4.3.4.2
	Option B: Water Management System: Process valid certificate under ISO 14046: Water Footprint Assessment.	ISO 14046 Certificate issued by accredited certification body		4.3.4.3
Energy Management	Option A: Energy Management Plan: Implement effective energy management policies and procedures and/or an energy management programme.	Energy management plan	+5/ +10	4.3.5.1

Criteria	Requirements	Verification	Points +Bonus	Index
	Option B: Energy Management System: Possess valid certificate under ISO 50001: Energy management systems– Requirements with guidance for use.	ISO 50001 Certificate issued by accredited certification body		4.3.5.2
	Clean Energy: Procure or produce renewable electricity or carbon offsets to compensate 5% of total electricity used and greenhouse gas emissions from other energy sources.	Calculation report with supporting documents	+5	4.3.5.3
ENVIRONMENT				
Environmental Management	Environmental Management System: Possess valid certificate under ISO 14001: Environmental management systems or EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).	ISO 14001 or EMAS Certificate issued by accredited certification body	+5	4.4.1.1
	Particulate Matters: Manufacturer shall implement effective dust management policies and procedures and/ or a dust management programme for the manufacturing plant including but not limited to the following items: • Initiatives taken for dust management covering all areas of the operation and associated activities • Monitoring plan for controlling the particulate matters (PM 2.5 & PM 10)	Detailed policies, procedures, programs and/or plans of dust management	+5	4.4.1.2
Regional Product	Regional Manufactured Product: Products that are manufactured within 800km radius of HKSAR by road transportation; within a 1,600km radius by rail transportation; or within a 4,000km radius by sea transportation.	Location map with distance between manufacturer and HKSAR	+5	4.4.2.1
Human Toxicity and Ecosystem Impact	Radioactivity: External Hazard Index, H_{ex}: $\leqslant 1.2$ Internal Hazard Index, H_{in}: $\leqslant 0.9$	Laboratory test report(s) and any production documentation	+5	4.4.3.3
	Plasticisers: Concentration of phthalate in the product shall be below 0.1% by weight of the product. The limited phthalates include the following types: • Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) • Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) • Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) • Diisononyl phthalate (DINP) • Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP) • Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)	Laboratory test report(s), MSDS and any production documentation	+5	4.4.3.4

Criteria	Requirements	Verification	Points +Bonus	Index
	Flame Retardants: Concentration of the following flame retardants in the product shall be below 0.1% by weight of the product: • Polybrominated diphenyl ether • Polybrominated biphenyls • Short-chained chlorinated paraffin • Hexabromocyclododecane	Laboratory test report(s) and any relevant production documentation	+5	4.4.3.5
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	VOC Content: Total Volatile Organic Compounds: $\leqslant$ 0.25 mg/m3.	Laboratory test report(s)	+5	4.4.4.1
PERFORMANCE				
Performance Property	Sound Insulation: Product shall demonstrate sound insulation rating up to STC 40.	Documentation including, but not limited to, test reports, product catalogue and MSDS	+10	4.5.1.1
INNOSMART				
Innovations & Additions	Adopt new practice, technology and strategy; *OR* Achieve exemplary performance.	Narrative with supporting documents	+5	4.6.1
		Subtotal:	+100	

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The CIC Green Product Certification (the "Scheme") is a green product labelling scheme, owned by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and implemented by the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC). The primary goal of the scheme is to support Hong Kong's transition to a low-carbon economy by encouraging the adoption of environmentally friendly construction practices.

With the Green Product Certification, various stakeholders, including consumers, building professionals, construction practitioners and policymakers, can easily and unequivocally identify environmentally preferable construction materials and building products. This certification serves as a reliable indicator of a product's sustainability, helping to drive market demand for greener options.

To ensure the credibility and effectiveness of the certification, the CIC and the HKGBC has jointly developed this Technical Assessment Standards (the "Standard"), which sets out the assessment criteria and their benchmarks to govern the application and award of a grade under the Scheme. The comprehensive assessment evaluates the overall sustainability of construction materials and building products across multiple dimensions. These dimensions include environmental impact, resource efficiency, technical performance, and the use of smart manufacturing technologies.

The Standard is divided into two main parts:

- General Requirements (Refer to General Requirements provided in separate document). This part introduces Scheme's framework, outlines the application procedure, and details the grades.

- Technical Requirements (This document refers). This part defines the principles, requirements and guides for quantifying and reporting the products' carbon footprint (CFP), along with other sustainability assessment criteria and scoring standards.

This Standard neither modifies nor supersedes laws and regulations. Compliance with this Standard is not a substitute for, and does not assure, compliance with any applicable laws or regulations. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations is a prerequisite for the manufacturing and marketing of the product.

The Scheme is owned by the Construction Industry Council (CIC), 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong; and operated by Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC), 1/F, Jockey Club Environmental Building, 77 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, Phone: +852 3994 8838, Email: cicgpc@hkgbc.org.hk.

1.2 BACKGROUND

Block for internal partitions can place a significant burden on the environment, from raw material extraction to potential health hazards in the use phase. With increasing environmental claims of block for internal partitions in the market, a more

comprehensive and systematic approach to assess the environmental impacts of the block for internal partitions shall be developed. The aim of this Standard is to help designers and end-users in choosing greener products by conserving resources, reducing the amount of waste disposal in landfills and reducing the impact to human health throughout the life cycle of block for internal partitions. The development of the assessment criteria in this Standard has made references to worldwide relevant eco-labelling schemes and some existing life cycle assessment (LCA) studies.

2. SCOPE

The scope of this Standard is applicable to all block materials serving the purpose of internal partitioning including precast concrete blocks, gypsum blocks, glass blocks and hemp blocks etc.

The types and ratio (formulation) of raw materials shall be specified clearly in each application. ONE application is only for ONE product series with same raw materials and ratio (formulation). Products under the same series with different sizes, thickness, colours and shapes can be included in ONE application. Applicants should specify the production code and serial number in each application.

Subsequent applications are available for products under the same product series and manufactured with the same type of raw materials, but with different ratio (formulation). The range of ratio (formulation) of products in each application shall be ± 5 % and the information of the ratio (formulation) is required for the application.

Note:

Each application should specify the product code / serial number.

3. DEFINITIONS

Applicant:	Organisations which apply for the label of the CIC Green Product Certification of the Construction Industry Council
ASTM:	American Society for Testing and Materials
BS:	British Standards
CIC:	Construction Industry Council
CNAS:	China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment
EMAS:	Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) is an environmental management tool which enables organisations to assess, manage, and continuously improve their environmental performance
GB:	National Standards of China
HKAS:	Hong Kong Accreditation Service

HKGBC:	The Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited
HOKLAS:	The Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme
IARC:	International Agency for Research on Cancer
ISO:	International Organisation for Standardisation
STC:	Sound Transmission Class
MSDS:	Material Safety Data Sheet. To qualify as suitable, MSDS and information therein must not be more than 5-years old
Third-party:	An entity without any financial interest or stake in the sales of the product or service being evaluated or other conflict of interest
US EPA:	United States Environmental Protection Agency

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A product to be assessed shall meet all the minimum requirements of the "Core Criteria" in order to be awarded a "Green" (i.e. a "pass" grade) grade under the Scheme. Bonus points may be awarded if the product meets the "Non-core Criteria". "Bronze", "Silver", "Gold" or "Platinum" grade will be awarded according to the total points accumulated, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Benchmarks for grading

Points achieved	Grade to be awarded
90 or above	Platinum
80 – 89	Gold
70 – 79	Silver
60 – 69	Bronze
50 – 59	Green
Below 50	No grade

All submissions and documentations shall be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer or other authorised persons of the Applicant to demonstrate conformance to the assessment criteria. All certification, laboratory reports, and documentation must be valid during the assessment process and labelling period. The date of issue of all laboratory reports and documentation shall be within 5 years from the first application submission date.

If the certification expires during the labelling period or upon renewal, the applicant is required to provide an updated and valid certification. Failure to resubmit the required certification will result in the revocation of CIC Green Product Certificate without compensation.

The chemical tests should be conducted by either a third party or the manufacturer, providing that they have obtained ISO 17025 certification or relevant national accreditations, such as HOKLAS or CNAS.

4.1 BASIC INFORMATION

4.1.1 Product Information – Core Criteria

The Applicant is required to achieve 5 Basic Points under this section.

Requirements

5 Basic Points for providing following information with delivered products or made accessible to public:

- Basic product specifications
- The intended use of the product
- Instructions for correct use and storage to maximise the lifetime of the product
- Recommended maintenance instructions for the product
- Installation method
- Instructions for consumer product disposal
- Country of origin

Verification

Documentation showing the product information and instructions including, but not limited to, product catalogue, technical datasheet, webpages, and/or any other information freely accessible by customers.

4.2 CARBON

4.2.1 CFP Quantification – Non-core Criteria

The Applicant can achieve maximum 10 Bonus Points under this section.

Requirements

10 Bonus Points for providing life cycle assessment report for quantifying and reporting the carbon footprint of products (CFP), covering at least A1 (raw material supply), A2 (transport) and A3 (manufacturing process). This can be achieved by either of the following:

Conduct CFP study report in accordance with ISO 14067:2018, GB/T 24067-2024 or equivalent.

OR

10 Bonus Points for Providing the product's CFP value from a product level EPD issued in accordance with ISO 14025:2006, ISO 14067:2018, BS EN 15804:2012, ISO 21930:2017, GB/T 24025-2009 or GB/T 24067-2024.

Verification

Either of the following documents shall be provided for verification.

CFP quantification report endorsed by a third-party critical review, in accordance with ISO 14067:2018, GB/T 24067-2024 or equivalent.

OR

Environmental Product Declaration issued by 3rd party fulfilling the above requirements.

4.3 RESOURCE

4.3.1 Material Optimisation

The Applicant can achieve maximum 15 Points under this section

The Applicant is required to achieve 10 Basic Points under this section. Additionally, the Applicant can achieve maximum 5 Bonus Points under this section.

The Applicants can select one of the options below and comply with any or all the requirements under that option to achieve the associated points.

4.3.1.1 Raw Materials - Core Criteria

Requirements

- ***For concrete blocks including but not limited to dense concrete, lightweight aggregate concrete and autoclaved aerated concrete:***

  Option A:

  10 Basic Points for 50% or more raw materials or components of product (by weight) are made from combinations of recycled materials, waste materials as stated in Appendix.

  5 Bonus Points for 70% or more raw materials or components of product (by weight) are made from combinations of recycled materials, waste materials as stated in Appendix.

  Option B:

  10 Basic Points of the density less than 700 kg/m^3.

  5 Bonus Points of the density less than 400 kg/m^3.

- ***For gypsum blocks:***

  10 Basic Points for 25% or more raw materials or components of product (by weight) are made from combinations of recycled materials, waste materials and/or forest management certified materials.

  5 Bonus Points for 95% or more raw materials or components of product (by weight) are made from combinations of recycled materials, waste materials and/or forest management certified materials.

- ***For hemp blocks:***

  10 Basic Points for 60% or more raw materials of product (by weight) composed of natural waste materials or sustainable source.

  5 Bonus Points for 100% raw materials of product (by weight) composed of natural waste materials or sustainable source.

- ***For glass blocks:***

  10 Basic Points for 50% or more raw materials of product (by weight) is glass cullet.

  5 Bonus Points for 100% raw materials of product (by weight) is glass cullet.

Verification

Documentation including but not limited to product catalogue, MSDS, test reports, and written declaration.

4.3.2 Circularity

The Applicant can achieve maximum 10 Bonus Points under this section.

4.3.2.1 Recyclability– Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for demonstrating that the manufacturer has developed a recycling plan for the product and declared options for reuse, recycling, recovery and disposal. The plan shall include the following and be made available to public.

- Designate all homogeneous materials in the product as being intended for technical and/or biological cycles and define the intended cycling pathway(s) for each material; and
- Identify potential partners for product reuse, recycling, recovery in accordance with the intended cycling pathway(s); and
- For products and materials intended for municipal recycling, the product and/or material must be compatible for municipal cycling systems (e.g., painted plastics and plastic laminated paper are not currently compatible for municipal recycling); and
- Instructions for how to cycle the product shall be made publicly available.

Verification

Documentation of recycling plan, including, but not limited to product catalogue, MSDS, and written declaration.

4.3.2.2 Packaging Requirement – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for minimising the wastage from all primary packaging materials. The packaging materials shall achieve either of the following:

The packaging materials shall not contain halogenated plastics;

OR

The packaging materials shall be comprised of 100% recycled materials, readily recyclable materials or decomposable materials;

OR

The packaging shall not be impregnated, labelled, coated or otherwise treated in a manner, which would prevent or significantly limit recycling.

Verification

Documentation describing the packaging materials used as well as their chemical composition (if any and where applicable), treatment process, and recyclability.

4.3.3 Waste Management

The Applicant can achieve maximum 5 Bonus Points under this section

4.3.3.1 Waste Management Plan– Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for implementing an effective waste management plan detailing the policies, procedures and/or a waste management program covering manufacturing operations. The waste management plan should include, but should not be limited to, the following information:

- Initiatives taken to reduce waste generation and improve recovery/recycling of waste; and
- Initiatives implemented for recovery of post-consumer and/or pre-consumer waste that can be re-introduced into the manufacturing process; and
- Other environmental benefits or constraints associated with waste minimisation objectives and processes.

Verification

Documentation of waste management plan detailing the above, supported by organizational policy or other equivalent documents.

4.3.4 Water Management

The Applicant can achieve maximum 10 Bonus Points under this section.

The Applicants can select one of the options below and comply with any or all the requirements under that option to achieve the associated points.

Option A:

4.3.4.1 Water Consumption Reporting – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for reporting both potable and non-potable water usage in the production process of the past year.

Verification

Water consumption report, supported by water usage data acquired from water meter, water sub-meter, water bill or other equivalent documents.

4.3.4.2 Water Recycling Program – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for developing and implementing water recycling program during the manufacturing process.

Verification

Documentation demonstrating the implementation of water recycling program, supported by drawings, water usage data acquired from water sub-meter, or other equivalent documents.

Option B:

4.3.4.3 Water Management System – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

10 Bonus Points for possessing valid certificate under ISO 14046: Environmental management – Water footprint – Principles, requirements and guidelines.

ISO 14046 is a framework for assessing the water footprint of products, processes, and organizations. It provides principles, requirements, and guidelines for conducting and reporting water footprint assessments. It helps organizations evaluate and improve their water management practices.

Verification

A valid ISO 14046 certificate issued by accredited certification bodies.

4.3.5 Energy Management

The Applicant can achieve maximum 15 Bonus Points under this section.

The Applicants can select one of the options below and comply with any or all the requirements under that option to achieve associated points.

Option A:

4.3.5.1 Energy Management Plan – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for implementing effective energy management policies and procedures and/or an energy management programme, including but not limited to the following items:

- Energy efficiency initiatives: Manufacturer should undertake specific initiatives to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency throughout their operations. This could include upgrading to more efficient equipment, optimising production processes, or implementing energy-saving technologies; and
- Supplier requirements: Manufacturers should extend their energy management efforts to their supply chain by establishing requirements or initiatives for suppliers and contract manufacturers to improve their energy performance where possible.

Verification

Documentation of energy management plan detailing the above, supported by organisational policy or other equivalent documents.

Option B:

4.3.5.2 Energy Management System – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

10 Bonus Points for possessing valid certificate under ISO 50001: Energy management systems — Requirements with guidance for use.

ISO 50001 provides a framework for organisations to establish, implement, maintain, and improve an Energy Management System. The goal is to help organisations improve their energy performance, increase energy efficiency, and reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. By achieving ISO 50001 certification, manufacturers can demonstrate their commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability.

Verification

A valid ISO 50001 certificate issued by accredited certification bodies.

4.3.5.3 Clean Energy – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for procurement or production of renewable electricity or carbon offsets to compensate 5% of total electricity used and greenhouse gas emissions from other energy sources.

The targets can be met via a variety of methods. One or more of the methods listed below may be applied toward achieving the targets:

i) For electricity

- Procure or produce renewable electricity to match 5% of the electricity used; or
- Purchase carbon offsets to compensate for 5% of the resulting greenhouse gas emissions (using grid average emissions factors).

ii) For greenhouse gas emissions from other energy sources

- Purchase carbon offsets to compensate for 5% of the resulting greenhouse gas emissions.

Verification

Calculation report includes at least the following information:

- Quantity of electricity consumed with the associated carbon emission factor, supported by electricity bill and grid emission factor; and
- Quantity of other energy source consumed with the associated carbon emission factor, supported by purchase order, declaration letter, or other equivalent documents; and
- Quantity of renewable electricity produced onsite, supported by drawings, submeter reading or other equivalent documents; and
- Quantity of renewable electricity or carbon offset purchased, supported by purchase agreement, carbon offset program certification or other equivalent documents.

4.4 ENVIRONMENT

4.4.1 Environmental Management

The Applicant can achieve maximum 10 Bonus Points under this section.

4.4.1.1 Environmental Management System – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for possessing valid certificate under ISO 14001: Environmental management systems — Requirements with guidance for use or EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

The target of the environmental management system shall be set to reduce the environmental impacts during the manufacturing process which include, but are not limited to, the reduction of hazardous substance emissions, energy consumption, CO_2 emissions, secondary environmental load, waste management, water management, etc.

ISO 14001 is the international standard which provides an outline of how to meet the environmental policy and objectives for the business of the applicant.

Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) is an environmental management tool which enables organisations to assess, manage, and continuously improve their environmental performance.

Verification

A valid ISO14001 or EMAS Certificate issued by accredited certification bodies.

4.4.1.2 Particulate Matters – Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for implementing effective dust management policies and procedures and/ or a dust management programme for the manufacturing plant including but not limited to the following items:

- Initiatives taken for dust management covering all areas of the operation and associated activities; and
- Monitoring plan for controlling the particulate matters (PM 2.5 & PM 10).

Verification

Detailed policies, procedures, programs and/ or plans of dust management issued by the Manufacturer.

4.4.2 Regional Product

The Applicant can achieve maximum 5 Bonus Points under this section.

4.4.2.1 Regional Manufactured Product– Non-core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for products that are manufactured within 800km radius of HKSAR by road transportation; within a 1,600km radius by rail transportation; or within a 4,000km radius by sea transportation. The distance is measured by the direct distance, not by actual travel distance.

Verification

Documents demonstrating the location of the manufacturer and a map showing the distance between the manufacturer and HKSAR.

4.4.3 Human Toxicity and Ecosystem Impact

The Applicant can achieve maximum 45 Bonus Points under this section.

The Applicant is required to achieve 30 Basic Points under this section. Additionally, the Applicant can achieve maximum 15 Bonus Points under this section.

4.4.3.1 Hazardous Substances – Core Criteria

Requirements

10 Basic Points for product which does not contain the following organic compounds of environmental concern that exceed below limits:

Table 2: Acceptance level for organic compounds

Organic Compound	Limit (mg/L)
Cyanide	< 10
Organic Phosphorus	< 1
Trichloroethylene	< 0.3
Tetrachloroethylene	< 0.1
Phenolic Compounds	< 0.2

Product shall undergo a standard leaching test according to US EPA 1311 Test Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure; other related testing methods are also acceptable with justification provided by the applicant.

US EPA 1311 Test Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Test is to determine the mobility of both organic and inorganic compounds present in liquid, solid as well as multiphasic samples.

Verification

Laboratory test report(s) meeting the above requirements.

4.4.3.2 Heavy Metals – Core Criteria

Requirements

20 Basic Points for product which does not contain the following heavy metals that exceed below limits:

Table 3: Limit of heavy metals

Heavy Metal	Limit (mg/L)
Arsenic	< 5
Barium	< 100
Cadmium	< 1
Chromium VI	< 5
Lead	<5
Mercury	<0.2

Product shall undergo a standard leaching test according to US EPA 1311 Test Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure; other related testing methods are also acceptable with justification provided by the applicant.

US EPA 1311 Test Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Test is to determine the mobility of both organic and inorganic compounds present in liquid, solid as well as multiphasic samples.

Verification

Laboratory test report(s) meeting the above requirements.

4.4.3.3 Radioactivity – Non-Core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for for demonstrating the following:

The effective concentration of potassium isotope K_{40} (C_K), radium isotope Ra_{226} (C_{Ra}) and thorium isotope Th_{232} (C_{Th}) shall satisfy the following requirements:

External Hazard Index, H_{ex}:

$$H_{ex} = \frac{C_K}{4200} + \frac{C_{Ra}}{370} + \frac{C_{Th}}{260}$$

Internal Hazard Index, H_{in}:

$$H_{in} = \frac{C_{Ra}}{200}$$

where H_{ex} shall be $\leqslant$ 1.2 and H_{in} shall be $\leqslant$ 0.9.

Products shall be tested based on the requirements as stated in GB 6566-2010; other related testing methods are also acceptable with justification provided by the applicant.

GB 6566-2010 specifies the limits and natural radionuclides in building materials radionuclide radium-226, thorium-232, potassium-40 Test Method for radioactivity.

Verification

Detailed laboratory report(s) shall be provided.

4.4.3.4 Plasticisers – Non-Core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for demonstrating that the concentration of phthalate in the product shall be below 0.1% by weight of the product. The requirement is applicable to products using rubber as raw materials.

The limited phthalates include the following types:

- Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)
- Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)
- Benzylbutyl phthalate (BBP)
- Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)
- Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP)
- Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)

Verification

Laboratory test report(s), MSDS and any relevant production documentation. Test report(s) shall be compiled according to the National and International test methods.

4.4.3.5 Flame Retardants – Non-Core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for demonstrating that concentration of the flame retardants in the product shall be below 0.1% by weight of the product. The restricted flame retardants include the following types:

- Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDEs)
- Polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs)
- Short-chained chlorinated paraffin (SCCP)
- Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD)

Product shall be tested based on the applicable requirement, such as BS EN 62321:2023 (or later version); other related testing methods are also acceptable with justification provided by the applicant.

Verification

Laboratory test report(s) meeting the above requirements.

4.4.4 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

The Applicant can achieve maximum 5 Bonus Points under this section.

4.4.4.1 VOC Content – Non-Core Criteria

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for limiting the Total Volatile Organic Compounds (TVOC) not exceeding 0.25 mg/m^3.

Verification

Laboratory testing report(s) on VOC emissions according to AMST 5197-03, ISO 16000 or an equivalent testing method.

4.5 PERFORMANCE

4.5.1 Performance Property

The Applicant can achieve maximum 10 Bonus Points under this section.

4.5.1.1 Sound Insulation– Non-Core Criteria

Requirements

10 Bonus Points for products demonstrating sound insulation rating up to STC 40.

The sound insulation test shall be tested in accordance with ISO 140-3:1995 (or later versions); other related testing methods are also acceptable with justification provided by the applicant.

ISO 140-3 specifies a laboratory method of measuring the airborne sound insulation of building elements such as walls, floors, doors, windows, façade elements and façades, except those classified as small building elements.

Verification

Documentation including but not limited to product catalogue, MSDS, and testing report(s).

4.5.2 Product Life

The Applicant is required to achieve 5 Basic Points under this section.

4.5.2.1 Serviceability – Core Criteria

Requirements

5 Basic Points for demonstrating the product quality, durability, and performance properties through at least **FIVE** testing items which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Water absorption capacity
- Weathering/ Freeze and thaw resistance
- Compressive strength/ breaking load

- Reaction/ Resistance to fire
- Bending tensile strength / flexural strength
- Mechanical strength / resistance
- Drying shrinkage
- Crushing/ Fragmentation resistance
- Water vapour permeability/ water tightness
- Shear bond strength / resistance
- Compaction/ Load-bearing capacity
- Chemical resistance
- Resistance to disintegration

Table 4: Testing methods and requirements for block for internal partition

Testing items	Testing Methods/ Requirements
• Water absorption capacity	BS EN 12859: 2011, BS EN 13055: 2016, BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12620: 2002 +A1:2008,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Weathering/ Freeze and thaw resistance	BS EN 13055: 2016, BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602: 2016, BS EN 12620: 2002 +A1:2008,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Compressive strength/ breaking load	BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602:2016, BS EN 1051-1: 2003, BS EN 1051-2: 2007,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Reaction/ Resistance to fire	BS EN 12859: 2011, BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602: 2016, BS EN 1051-2: 2007,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Bending tensile strength / flexural strength	BS EN 12859: 2011, BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602: 2016,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Mechanical strength / resistance	BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602: 2016 , BS EN 1051-2: 2007,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Drying shrinkage	BS EN 12620: 2002+A1:2008, BS EN 12602: 2016, BS EN 680: 2005,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Crushing/ Fragmentation resistance	BS EN 13055: 2016, BS EN 12620: 2002+A1:2008,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Water vapour permeability/ water tightness	BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602: 2016,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Shear bond strength / resistance	BS EN 771-3: 2011+A1: 2015, BS EN 12602: 2016,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019

Testing items	Testing Methods/ Requirements
• Compaction/ Load-bearing capacity	BS EN 13055: 2016, BS EN 12602: 2016,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Chemical resistance	BS EN 13055: 2016, BS EN 12620: 2002+A1:2008,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019
• Resistance to disintegration	BS EN 13055: 2016,GB/T 35605-2017,TCECS 10031-2019,TCECS 10055-2019

Verification

Laboratory test report(s) and any production documentation for all relevant quality, durability performance tests.

4.6 INNOSMART

4.6.1 Innovations & Additions – Non-core Criteria

The Applicant can achieve maximum 5 Bonus Points under this section.

Requirements

5 Bonus Points for achieving significant, measurable environmental performance using new practices, technology and strategy not addressed in this Standard.

OR

Demonstrating exemplary performance in any of the existing assessment criteria.

The benefits of environmental performance can be achieved throughout the lifecycle of the products, covering the product, construction process, use and end of life stage. Examples of innovative and smart technologies are shown below:

- Implementing technologies that significantly reduce resource consumption across various aspects.
- Adopting intelligent production methods that leverage automation, data analytics, and innovative design techniques.

Verification

Report with a maximum length of 1,000 words, outline the objectives, solution, and evaluation of the performance achieved by the proposed Smart and Innovative Technologies; and

Include attachments that provide evidence of implementation, along with relevant technical specifications that support the claims made in the report.

5. SCORING

The points for meeting each criterion stated in this Standard are summarized below.

Table 5: Points to be awarded under the assessment criteria of this Standard

Label	Evaluation Criteria		Points		Related BEAM Plus Credits
			Basic	+Bonus	
	Product Information [CORE]		5	-	
Carbon	CFP Quantification		-	+10	
Resource	Material Optimization	Raw Materials [CORE]	10	+5	MW 6
	Circularity	Recyclability	-	+5	
		Packaging Requirement	-	+5	
	Waste Management	Waste Management Plan	-	+5	
	Water Management	Water Consumption Reporting	-	+5/+10	
		Water Recycling Program			
		Water Management System			
	Energy Management	Energy Management Plan	-	+5/+10	
		Energy Management System			
		Clean Energy	-	+5	
Environment	Environmental Management	Environmental Management System	-	+5	
		Particulate Matters	-	+5	
	Regional Product	Regional Manufactured Product	-	+5	MW 8
	Human Toxicity and Ecosystem Impact	Hazardous Substances [CORE]	10	-	
		Heavy Metals [CORE]	20	-	
		Radioactivity	-	+5	
		Plasticisers	-	+5	
		Flame Retardants	-	+5	
	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	VOC Content	-	+5	HWB 8
Performance	Performance Property	Sound Insulation	-	+10	
	Product Life	Serviceability [CORE]	5	-	MW 4
InnoSmart	Innovations & Additions		-	+5	IA
		Total:	**50**	**+105**	

Related BEAM Plus Credits refer to these relevant credits under BEAM Plus New Buildings Version 2.0, as listed below:

- MW 4: Design for Durability and Resilience
- MW 6: Recycled Materials
- MW 8: Regional Materials
- MW 9: Use of Green Products
- HWB 8: Indoor Air Quality
- Innovations and Additions

APPENDIX

Table 6: Category of recycled materials/wastes to be used as raw materials for concrete products

Category	Recycled Materials
Incinerated ashes	Incinerated ashes
Waste from metal industry	Copper slag
	Steel slag
	Ceramic material
	Electric furnace slag
	Ferronickel slag
	Casting sand
	Lime/plaster
	Moulding sand
	Lime powder
Inorganic sludge	Sewer sludge
	Waterworks sludge
	Sludge at bottom of lake
Sludge generated industrially	Paper manufacturing sludge
	Aluminium sludge
	Plating sludge
	Polishing sand sludge
Other industrial waste	Coal ash
	Disposed plastics
	Shells
	Disposed lumber from buildings
	Glass cullet
	Disposed rubber
Waste from mines and quarries	Waste sand from quarries and ceramics
	Micro silica sand generated at separation of silica by water