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PROPOSED 2023 REVISIONS TO EPEAT POLICY DOCUMENTS

Stakeholder Information Session | November 14, 2022

Welcome



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Agenda

- Overview of annual policy revision process
- Overview of new policy document: GEC Selection of Product Categories (P75)
- Key proposed revisions to GEC Criteria Development Process (P74), EPEAT Conformity Assurance Implementation Manual (P66), and EPEAT Policy Manual (P65)
- Open period for questions on any proposed revisions

Today's session is for informational purposes only.

Feedback and questions raised in the session will not be considered "formal comments".

Formal comments must be submitted in writing using the [EPEAT Public Comment Form](#) and sent to EPEAT@gec.org.

EPEAT Policy Revision Process



Original Research and Preparation (February – May)

Consultation with GEC-approved CABs (May – July)

CAB Summit (July)

Comment Period Opens (October)

Informational Sessions on Proposed Revisions (November)

Comment Period Closes (11:59 pm PT, December 31, 2022)

Release: Revised EPEAT Policy Manual, EPEAT Conformity Assurance Implementation Manual, GEC Criteria Development Process, GEC Selection of Product Categories (Feb 15, 2023)

Effective: GEC Selection of Product Categories (Feb 15, 2023)

Effective: Revised EPEAT Policy Manual, EPEAT Conformity Assurance Implementation Manual, GEC Criteria Development Process (Jul 1, 2023)

Goal:

**Increased
EPEAT Program
Efficiency &
Effectiveness**

New Document: GEC Selection of Product Categories (P75)

- Describes the process followed by GEC to identify new product categories for which criteria may be developed.



GEC operates a complaints and appeals process to allow stakeholder concerns about the selection of product categories to be addressed fairly.

Key Changes: GEC Criteria Development Process (P74)

Topic	Section Reference	Proposed Revision
Dynamic Criteria Development Process	P74: 2.0 & 2.5.2	Addition: Added second stakeholder comment period for draft criteria.
Selection of Verification Requirements	P74: 2.2.2	Addition: New section added to describe the selection of verification requirements.
Required and Optional Criteria	P74: 2.2.3	Addition: New section added to describe Required and Optional EPEAT Criteria.
Expert Ad Hoc Group Membership	P74: 2.3.1	Clarification: Expert Ad Hoc Groups are open to all interested stakeholders. GEC strives for stakeholder representation and expertise, but balance not required.
Continuous Maintenance	P74: 2.6	Clarification: Clarified when GEC may consider revising criteria based on a request from a stakeholder; included additional details about GEC assessment process when determining if criteria need to be revised.
Conflicts of Interest	P74: 2.8	Addition: New section added to describe GEC's approach to mitigating and eliminating conflicts of interest.

Key Changes: Conformity Assurance Implementation Manual (P66)

Topic	Section Reference	Proposed Revision
Priority Criteria	2.1, 6.1.4.2, 6.2.2, 6.2.4, 6.3.1, 8.0	Change: Removal of Priority Criteria to further clarify that EPEAT aligns with ISO 14024.
Conformity Assurance Where Equivalent Regulatory Requirements Exist	2.2.5	Change: Section deleted as the conformity option is no longer available (lack of uptake).
Approval of CABs and Qualified Auditor Proficiency and Training	3.1, 3.3.1, 3.5, 4.1	Addition: Footnote to address Auditor training requirements for revised Criteria from Sustainability Impact Modules.

Key Changes: Conformity Assurance Implementation Manual (P66)

Topic	Section Reference	Proposed Revision
Performance Metrics for CABs	5.3	Clarifications/Changes/Additions: Several performance metrics updated.
Types of Evidence and Ensuring Integrity of Evidence	6.1.4.2	Addition: Adds requirement for declarations of conformity to further align with ISO 14024 (Section 7.4.4)
Activating Products	6.2.4	Addition: Requirement for Participating Manufacturer to confirm in the EPEAT Registry that any new products registered are similar to an existing product (for further alignment with ISO 14024).
New Products	6.3.1	
Continuous Monitoring	9.2.1.2	Clarification: Additional details on process and timeframes for appeals raised to CABs during Continuous Monitoring.

Key Changes: Policy Manual (P65)

Topic	Section Reference	Proposed Revision
Selection of Product Categories	P65: 4.2.1	Addition: Section added to reflect new document (GEC Selection of Product Categories)
Requirements of CABs	P65: 6.1	Clarification: CABs are required to fulfill all applicable requirements in P65.
Requirements of CAB– Suspension or Termination	P65: 6.5	Clarification: Updated grounds for suspension or termination to reflect existing language in P66.
Requirements of Participating Manufacturers	P65: 7.1	Clarification: Participating Manufacturers are required to fulfill all applicable requirements in P65 and P66.
Managing Impartiality & Conflicts of Interest	P65: 8.0, 8.1	Clarification: Clarified that GEC recognizes sources of funding as a potential risk to impartiality, and that GEC recognizes potential conflicts of interest in the development and maintenance of criteria.

Reminders

- Proposed revisions: [EPEAT Policy Manual \(P65\)](#), [EPEAT Conformity Assurance Implementation Manual \(P66\)](#), and [GEC Criteria Development Process \(P74\)](#)
- New document: [GEC Selection of Product Categories \(P75\)](#)
- Public comment period closes 11:59 pm North America Pacific Time on December 31, 2022
- Comments must be submitted in writing using the [EPEAT Public Comment Form](#) and sent to EPEAT@gec.org
- GEC reserves the right to not consider comments received after 11:59 pm North America Pacific Time on December 31, 2022

Questions?

Questions can also be raised by email.

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Thank you for your participation