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PLAN FOR VERIFICATION ROUND PC-2019-01

PCs and Displays -2018

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I. PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document outlines the plan for a Verification Round of Investigations to be performed in accordance P15 Verification Procedure, this Verification Plan, and EPEAT scheme rules.

II. SELECTION OF CRITERIA AND PRODUCTS FOR VERIFICATION

Verification Round PC-2019-01 will investigate targeted criteria from the PC & Display: 2018 criteria. Forty-two (42) Level 1 investigations are planned for this round. In Level 1 investigations, an Auditor assesses Conformance to a criterion by examining information submitted by a Manufacturer. The Manufacturer is required to provide detailed and accurate information in a 60-day period.

The PC and Display criteria are in the process of being updated via an amendment process. Since this process is not yet complete, criteria involved in that amendment process will not be included in this Verification Round.

The following is a list of possible criteria which may be included in this Verification Round:

- 4.1.1.1 Required - Conformance with European Union ROHS Directive substance restrictions
- 4.1.3.1 Required - Elimination of intentionally added mercury in light sources
- 4.1.4.1 Optional - Restriction of the use of beryllium
- 4.1.7.1 Required - Compliance with provisions of EU Battery Directive
- 4.3.2.1 Required - Plastic parts compatible with recycling
- 4.4.1.1 Required - Service support
- 4.4.2.1 Required - Removal of external enclosure
- 4.4.2.4 Required - Battery replacement and information
- 4.4.2.5 Optional - Product upgradeability and repairability
- 4.4.2.6 Optional - Removal of lithium ion batteries
- 4.5.1.2 Required - Lowest Power Mode limit
- 4.7.1.1 Required – Elimination of intentionally added heavy metals in packaging
- 4.7.1.2 Required - Elimination of elemental chlorine as a bleaching agent in packaging material
- 4.7.2.1 Required - Separable packaging material
- 4.7.2.2 Required - Plastics marked in packaging materials
- 4.7.3.1 Required - Recycled content in wood-based fiber packaging
- 4.9.1.1 Required - Third party certified environmental management system (EMS) for design and manufacturing organizations
- 4.9.2.1 Required - Corporate environmental performance reporting by manufacturer

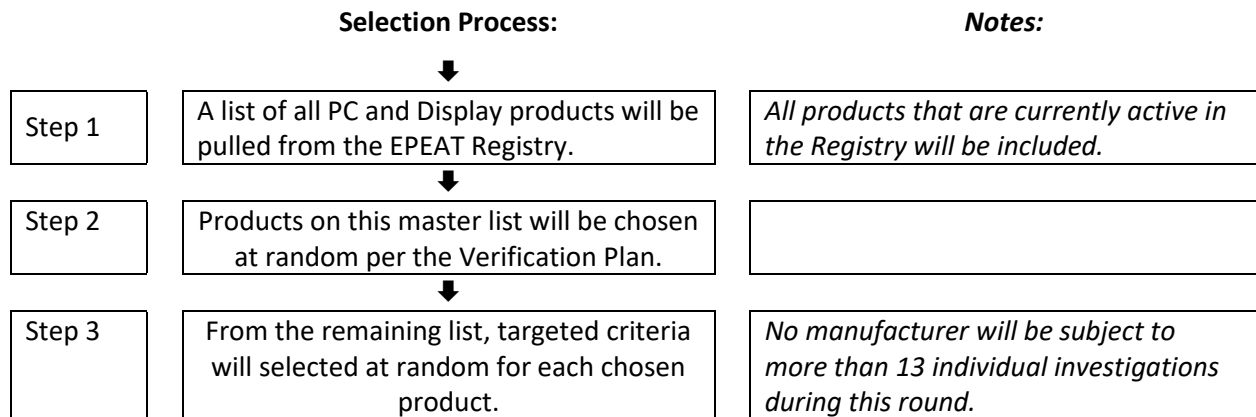
- 4.10.2.1 Required - Public Disclosure regarding conflict minerals in products

The products and criteria will be selected as follows:

- All products currently active on the Registry are eligible for inclusion and will be chosen first through a random selection process.
- All geographies and Manufacturers are eligible for inclusion.
- Each Manufacturer will have at least one investigation. No Manufacturer will be subject to more than 13 investigations during this Round.

Since this is the first ever Verification Round for the updated version of the PC and Display criteria, if any Non-Conformances are found, the Manufacturer’s name will not be published.

Product will be selected according to the following process:



III. VERIFICATION PROCESS

The Verification Round will proceed in accordance with current procedures, as outlined below.

1. This plan will be published on epeat.net.
2. The Green Electronics Council Conformity Assurance staff will instruct Conformity Assurance Bodies (CABs) to proceed with their assigned investigations.
3. CABs will assign investigations to an Auditor and will notify subject Manufacturers that their products are being investigated.
4. The Auditors will perform the investigations as assigned within 60 calendar days, and prepare an Investigation Report for each investigation, recommending Conformance or Nonconformance.
5. CABs will review all Investigation Reports to ensure they are clear and complete, and the evidence supports the recommendation and will forward the Report and supporting evidence to the Green Electronics Council.

6. Conformity Assurance Staff will review reports and make decisions regarding conformity. The identity of the products and Manufacturers will not be disclosed; decision makers will be blind to the specific products and Manufacturers for which they are making conformity decisions.
7. CABs will inform the subject Manufacturers of the conformity decision. For decisions of Nonconformance, Manufacturers will be required to take corrective action within to restore the accuracy of the declaration in the EPEAT Registry.

IV. CONFORMITY ASSURANCE BODIES AND AUDITORS

All investigations will be conducted through Conformity Assurance Bodies approved by the Green Electronics Council. The following Conformity Assurance Bodies may be involved in Investigations for this Verification Round:

- GEC Conformity Assurance Body
- TÜV Rheinland
- UL Environment
- VDE

V. SUMMARY OF SV-2019-01 PLANNED INVESTIGATIONS

| Criterion | Verification Selection and Process | # Planned Investigations |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria will be selected from the list of targeted criteria shown in Section II. | 42 |
| | Total | 42 |