

**PROJECT FOR THE HFC CRITERIA REVISION
AND SFC CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT**



WORKING PLAN

FOR

WORK PACKAGE 1

UP TO DATE APRIL 2007

PREMISE

The European Commission, DG Environment, has entrusted the APAT (Italian Agency for the Protection of the Environment and for Technical Service – the technical support of the Italian C.B) for the revision of the existing Eco-labelling criteria for the Hard Floor Coverings product group (hereafter HFC) and for the eventual development of new Eco-labelling criteria for a new product group: the Soft Floor Coverings (hereafter SFC).

APAT has selected Life Cycle Engineering (LCE) for technical support.

The project designed by the EC is composed by 3 Work Packages (WPs), with different aims and activities to be carried out. WP1 focuses on the development of Guidelines for the revision of the existing HFC criteria and the (eventual) development of new criteria for the SFC product group. Basing on the WP1 results, the WP2 would be implemented if a revision of the existing HFC criteria is needed, and the WP3 would be implemented if the development of new SFC criteria is needed

This Work Plan refers only to the activities to be performed within the Work Package 1. They are grouped in three different Tasks:

TASK 1 – WP1: aimed at carrying out a Preliminary Report that will constitute an informative base for the following activities. The Report will consider the ongoing EU and National legislation about floor coverings and related issues, the state of technology and the BAT for floor coverings manufacturing, the state of the market for floor coverings and for Eco-labelled HFCs, the environmental impacts generated for the floor coverings manufacturing and the potential benefits obtained with the Eco-label.

TASK 2 – WP1: aimed at receiving comments from various stakeholders on the results highlighted in the Preliminary Report. In particular, an Ad Hoc Working Group will be defined and consulted (via questionnaire and via meetings) to obtain comments on the existing HFC criteria and on the main results of the Preliminary Report. The Report will be, then, updated with the comments received.

TASK 3 – WP1: aimed at presenting the updated Preliminary Report to the EUEB. An EUEB meeting will be organized and managed to illustrate the results obtained and receive comments. Then, a Final WP1 Report will be produced, taking into account the EUEB comments.

In the following pages, the main WP1 activities and deliverables are outlined with an indication of a possible timetable.

WP1 MAIN ACTIONS AND TIMETABLE

The Table 1 below summarizes the main actions to be performed within the Work Package 1, and the relative timetable.

Some further information is reported, referring to the most important actions to be performed in WP 2 and 3.

Table 1 – Work Package 1 actions and timetable

ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE
Kick off meeting	LCE/APAT	March 2007
Updated market analysis, regulatory review and information on Best Available Techniques for HFC manufacturing	LCE	May 2007
Drawing up of a questionnaire to require comments on existing HFC Eco-label criteria to EU stakeholders	APAT/LCE	Questionnaire sent by the 31 st May 2007; feedbacks within the 22 nd June 2007
Regulatory, economic and technical analysis of the Soft Floor Coverings sector	LCE	May 2007
Preliminary Report diffusion to CE	APAT/LCE	1 st September 2007
Comments from CE	CE	10 th September 2007
Documents for the 1° AHWG Meeting	LCE	10 working days before the 1° AHWG meeting (28 th September 2007)
Presentation of the Preliminary Report on the WP1 activities	LCE/APAT	1° AHWG meeting, (28 th September 2007)
Proposal for SFC product group definition	LCE/APAT	1° AHWG meeting (28 th September 2007)
Management of the AHWG comments	LCE	October 2007
Preliminary Report updating consistently with the AHWG comments	LCE	November 2007
Preliminary Report presentation at EUEB Meeting	LCE/APAT	12- 13 December 2007
WP1 Final Report	LCE	End of December 2007

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