

GEC Develops New Environmental Textiles And Leather Standard

Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) is developing a new environmental standard for textiles and leather.

Products that could be certified under the standard include textile products such as clothing and textiles for use in clothing, bedding, decorative applications and fittings sold in the Australian market.

This includes clothing, clothing textiles and accessories consisting of at least 90 per cent by weight of textile fibres, interior textiles consisting of at least 90 per cent by weight of textile fibres, fibre, yarn and fabric (including durable non-woven fabric) intended for use in textile clothing, accessories or interior textiles, cleaning products: woven or non-woven fabric products intended for the wet or dry cleaning of surfaces and the drying of kitchenware, and hide and leather products consisting of at least 90 per cent by weight of leather/hide.

When GECA released its revised draft textiles standard (2012), which was developed in conjunction with Environmental Choice New Zealand (ECNZ), it received comments on many criteria. GECA has addressed these comments and has also aligned its standard with the EU Ecolabel criteria for textiles, where possible.

GECA is keen to receive feedback from industry professionals and members of the public interested in sustainable textiles until 14 February, 2014.

Link

http://www.geca.org.au/media/medialibrary/2014/01/TLv3_0-2014_Draft_for_Public_Comment.pdf

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