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Distribution: Companies with valid SGBP certificates for Interior Paint products.

REVISION OF CERTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR INTERIOR PAINT PRODUCTS

Background

1 This circular serves to inform the industry of updates to the certification criteria for Interior Paint products under the Singapore Green Building Product (SGBP) certification scheme.

2 The certifying criteria for interior paint products under the SGBP certification scheme will be revised to align with the National Environment Agency (NEA) advisory, effective from 1 January 2026, which prohibits the manufacture, import, and sale of interior paints containing formaldehyde at or above 0.01% weight by weight (w/w) for local use. The export and import for re-export of such interior paints will require a Hazardous Substance Licence from the NEA.

Revised Criteria

3 The ***Product – Specific Hazardous Substances*** requirement will be revised to adopt the formaldehyde limit of less than 0.01% of the paint's total weight (i.e. less than 100 ppm), while retaining the existing limit of less than 0.1% for the other listed substances.

Implementation Timeline

4 The revised criteria will take effect from **22th July 2026** and applies to all applications submitted on or after this date.

5 Existing SGBP certificates for all Interior Paint products will remain valid until their expiry date. This updated requirement will apply only to new applications and to expired certificates seeking renewal.

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For Clarification

We would appreciate if you could convey the contents of this circular to relevant members of your organisation. For any queries concerning this circular, please do not hesitate to contact SGBC at certification@sgbc.sg

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alvin Tan", is positioned above the printed name.

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