

The need to declare material- and substance content in products

Introduction

Increased awareness of sustainability and how we use nature's resources has made environmental issues more and more important in recent decades. Not least in the construction and real estate industry.

The requirements on environment aspects and sustainability in the construction and real estate industry are increasing and more and more property owners are choosing to environmentally certify their buildings.

The property owner and the end consumer are increasingly demanding that we build long-term sustainable properties with as little environmental impact as possible. In order to prove that a building is sustainable from a social, economic or environmental perspective, there are a number of environmental certifications existing.

In order for a building to hold a certification, requirements are set for the indoor environment, energy efficiency criteria and the materials used.

Products

To be able to certify a building with a good result, the content of the included products need to be well known and harmless.

There are a number of systems (Byggvarubedömningen, BASTA, Sunda Hus, etc.) for assessing and environmentally certify products.

Products that receive a high / good environmental assessment have a greater prospect to be specified in different construction projects than those with a lower environmental assessment result.

Environmental declaration for installation products

A joint Environmental Declaration has been prepared by the wholesalers' organization and its suppliers' trade organizations.

In order to obtain the correct assessment, the material- and substance content of the product need to be as detailed as possible. An incomplete declaration gives a low environmental assessment result.

Substances that are included in the assessment can be kept confidential so that they are not publicly available. The classified information can be provided directly to the assessment organization without passing through the product manufacturer.

Request

Suppliers of materials to manufacturers of products and components are asked to state the content of substances as detailed as possible, so that the products / components can get the most accurate environmental assessment possible. As an incomplete declaration automatically results in a low assessment which may lead to that the product / component not will be selected when a construction project is specified. Another product / component with a higher environmental rating will then be selected.



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