

Company: NZ Panels Group (ECA certified products – Bestwood, Prime Panels, Kopine, Deznatek).

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Subject 1: Validity of eco-label certifications expiry dates and RPV scores

As part of its independent product verification activities, EnviroSpec regularly refers to and reviews product eco-label certifications.

Depending on the certification body, these are valid for a period of 12 months to several years, and are regularly renewed through re-auditing activities carried out by the relevant certificate or label issuing Authority.

For any given time that a product is deemed to have a valid label / certification, the manufacturer and certified product names are notified on the relevant Authority's website. A print out of the relevant websites showing nominated products is therefore a suitable and satisfactory form of evidence that the product is certified at the time, and remains certified until removed from the website altogether.

Rather than re-printing and re-uploading a new certificate each 12 month period, EnviroSpec provides the present dated statement, along with hyperlinks to the relevant Eco-label listing for the nominated products as follows:

Bestwood <https://ecochoiceaotearoa.org.nz/our-partners/3210078-bestwood/>
Prime Panels <https://ecochoiceaotearoa.org.nz/our-partners/3210078-primepanels-nz-ltd/>
Kopine <https://ecochoiceaotearoa.org.nz/our-partners/kopine-2/>
Deznatek <https://ecochoiceaotearoa.org.nz/our-partners/3210078-deznatek/>

This is now supplied as evidence that the product is certified, until it is removed by Eco Choice Aotearoa from its own website, at which point any reference to product ECA certification will be removed from the EnviroSpec website and all associated EnviroSpec documentation accordingly.

The above achieves RPV 7 in accordance with the GBCA Score-checker at the time of writing this document.

Subject 2: Low VOC compliance in Green Star NZ and Homestar

The NZGBC provides a published list of recognized ecolabels and indoor air quality schemes which allow products to demonstrate compliance with the relevant Material Credits. The Green Star Submission Guidelines also include direct VOC emission limits for products that wish to show just a laboratory test report.

In regards to the Green Star Buildings assessment framework, products that are certified under a Recognised Product Certification Scheme in the 'Exposure to Toxins Product Certifications Schemes Index' are deemed to automatically comply.

EC-32-17 - 'Furniture, Fittings and Flooring' is recognized as compliant in the 'Exposure to Toxins Product Certifications Schemes Index' (Version 1 _ 07 September 2021)

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