

National Green Public Procurement Guidelines



Textiles

National target 100% (**Mandatory** for all Contracting Authorities and Cohesion policy projects.)

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Jun 2012	1.1	Minor revision of criteria text
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Definition:

These product group criteria are applicable for the direct procurement of textile products:

- **Textile clothing and accessories:** clothing and accessories (such as handkerchiefs, scarves, bags, shopping bags, rucksacks, belts etc.) consisting of at least 90 % by weight of textile fibres;
- **Interior textiles:** textile products for interior use consisting of at least 90 % by weight of textile fibres. Wall and floor coverings are excluded;
- **Fibres, yarn and fabric:** intended for use in textile clothing and accessories or interior textiles.
- **For 'textile clothing and accessories' and for 'interior textiles':** down, feathers, membranes and coatings need not be taken into account in the calculation of the percentage of textile fibres.

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Applying GPP criteria

The National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement (www.gpp.gov.mt) requires **all contracting authorities** to consider and reflect the parameters (GPP criteria) stipulated below in the tenders for products falling under this product group. As a minimum requirement, these parameters must be included in technical specifications / terms of reference / bills of quantities (whichever is applicable, depending on whether the contract is for works, services or supplies) and in the corresponding selection criteria. These parameters may also feature as part of the subject matter of the contract, and, if the Most economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) procedure is used – in the award (evaluation) criteria

Subject Matter	"Subject Matter" means the title of the tender - i.e. a short description of the product, works or service to be procured.
Technical Specifications	"Technical specifications", in the case of public works contracts means the totality of the technical prescriptions contained in the tender documents, defining the characteristics required of a work, material, product or supply, which describes in a manner that fulfils its intended use by the contracting authority. "Technical specifications", in the case of public supply or service contracts, means a specification in a document defining the required characteristics of a product or a service, 'Technical Specifications must be requested in accordance with regulation 46 of LN 296/2010.
Award Criteria	"Award Criteria" (Variants) are criteria the contracting authority will consider when evaluating the quality of the different bids which meet

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	<p>the minimum requirements. These are only applicable using the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) procedure for evaluation and their selection must be related to the subject matter of the contract. These criteria shall be included in the contract documents or, in the case of a competitive dialogue, in the descriptive document, indicating all the criteria which are to be applied in the award of the contract. Relative weighting must be indicated with a minimum total of 15% for the GPP criteria.</p> <p><i>Variants are regulated under regulation 47 of LN 296/2010.</i></p>
<p>Performance Contract Clauses</p>	<p>“Performance Contract Clauses” may lay down by contracting authorities, provided that these are compatible with Community law and are indicated in the contract notice or in the specifications. The conditions governing the performance of a contract may, in particular, concern social and environmental considerations.</p> <p><i>Contract Performance Clauses are regulated under regulation 31 of LN 296/2010.</i></p>
<p>Selection Criteria</p>	<p>“Selection Criteria” focus on the company’s ability to perform the contract.</p> <p><i>Selection Criteria are regulated under 51 and 52 of LN 296/2010.</i></p>
<p>Verification</p>	<p>“Verification” means the proof required from the supplier that the Specifications are met by the product or service.</p>
<p>Note: The standards, regulations, legislations and directives referred to in these guidelines may have been revised in which case procurers must refer to the latest updates and versions.</p>	

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1.1 Subject Matter

Purchase of textile products with low levels of toxic substances, with a preference for products with a low environmental impact during production and made from fibres produced with a minimum of pesticides.

1.2 Technical Specification

1 Pesticides

For products made from cotton or other natural cellulosic fibres, the final product shall not contain more than 1ppm (parts per million) in total of the following substances:

2,4,5-T	Hexachlorobenzene
Aldrin	Hexachlorocyclohexane, α
Captafol	Hexachlorocyclohexane, β
Chlordane	Hexachlorocyclohexane, δ
Chlordimeform	Metamidophos
DDT	Monocrotophos
Dieldrin	Parathion
Dinoseb and salts	Parathion-methyl
Endrine	Propethamphos
Heptachlor	Toxaphene

Note: Most of these pesticides are already banned from placing on the market and use.

2 Dyes classified as sensitising/allergenic, carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction

The following dyes shall not be used in the final product:

C.I. Basic Red 9	C.I. 42 500	C.I. Disperse Orange 1	C.I. 11 080
C.I. Acid Red 26	C.I. 16 150	C.I. Disperse Orange 3	C.I. 11 005
C.I. Basic Violet 14	C.I. 42 510	C.I. Disperse Orange 11	C.I. 60 700
C.I. Direct Black 38	C.I. 30 235	C.I. Disperse Orange 37	
C.I. Direct Blue 6	C.I. 22 610	C.I. Disperse Orange 76	
C.I. Direct Red 28	C.I. 22 120	(previously designated Orange 37)	
C.I. Disperse Blue 1	C.I. 64 500	C.I. Disperse Red 1	C.I. 11 110
C.I. Disperse Blue 3	C.I. 61 505	C.I. Disperse Red 11	C.I. 62 015
C.I. Disperse Blue 7	C.I. 62 500	C.I. Disperse Red 17	C.I. 11 210
C.I. Disperse Blue 26	C.I. 63 305	C.I. Disperse Yellow 1	C.I. 10 345
C.I. Disperse Blue 35		C.I. Disperse Yellow 3	C.I. 11 855
C.I. Disperse Blue 102		C.I. Disperse Yellow 9	C.I. 10 375
C.I. Disperse Blue 106		C.I. Disperse Yellow 39	
C.I. Disperse Blue 124		C.I. Disperse Yellow 49	
C.I. Disperse Brown 1			

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3 Arylamines

The final product shall not contain the following arylamines:

4-aminodiphenyl	(CAS no. 92-67-1)
Benzidine	(CAS no. 92-87-5)
4-chloro-o-toluidine	(CAS no. 95-69-2)
2-naphthylamine	(CAS no. 91-59-8)
o-amino-azotoluene	(CAS no. 97-56-3)
2-amino-4-nitrotoluene	(CAS no. 99-55-8)
p-chloroaniline	(CAS no. 106-47-8)
2,4-diaminoanisole	(CAS no. 615-05-4)
4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane	(CAS no. 101-77-9)
3,3'-dichlorobenzidine	(CAS no. 91-94-1)
3,3'-dimethoxybenzidine	(CAS no. 119-90-4)
3,3'-dimethylbenzidine	(CAS no. 119-93-7)
3,3'-dimethyl-4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane	(CAS no. 838-88-0)
p-cresidine	(CAS no. 120-71-8)
4,4'-methylene-bis-(2-chloraniline)	(CAS no. 101-14-4)
4,4'-oxydianiline	(CAS no. 101-80-4)
4,4'-thiodianiline	(CAS no. 139-65-1)
o-toluidine	(CAS no. 95-53-4)
2,4-Toluyldiamine	(CAS no. 95-80-7)
2,4,5-trimethylaniline	(CAS no. 137-17-7)
4-aminoazobenzene	(CAS no. 60-09-3)
o-anisidine	(CAS no. 90-04-0)

4 Flame retardants

The following flame retardants shall not be used in the final product:

PBB (Polybrominated biphenyls)	CAS no. 59536-65-1
pentaBDE (Pentabromodiphenylether)	CAS no. 32534-81-9
octaBDE (Octabromodiphenyl ether)	CAS no. 32536-52-9

5 Pentachlorophenol and tetrachlorophenol

For products made from cotton or other natural Cellulosic fibres, the final product shall not contain more than 0.5 parts per million) of pentachlorophenol.

Note: Pentachlorophenol is already banned from pesticide applications in the group of plant protection products and severely restricted for other pesticide applications including biocides applications.

6 Phthalate softeners

For products that come into direct contact with the skin the following phthalate softeners shall not make up more than 0.1% by weight of the final product:

DEHP (Di-(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate)	CAS no. 117-81-7
BBP (Butylbenzylphthalate)	CAS no. 85-68-7
DBP (Dibutylphthalate)	CAS no. 84-74-2

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7 Formaldehyde

The amount of free and partly hydrolysable formaldehyde in the final product shall not exceed 80 ppm for products that come into direct contact with the skin and 300 ppm for all other products.

8 Heavy metals

The amount of Cadmium (Cd), Chromium (Cr), Nickel (Ni), Lead (Pb), Copper (Cu) in the final product shall not exceed:

Cadmium (Cd): 0.1 ppm

Chromium (Cr): 2.0 ppm

Nickel (Ni): 4.0 ppm

Lead (Pb): 1.0 ppm

Copper (Cu): 50.0 ppm

Verification:

All products carrying the EU Ecolabel for textiles will be deemed to comply. Other private or national textile labels fulfilling the listed criteria can also be accepted. Any other appropriate means of proof, such as a declaration, technical dossier of the manufacturer or a test report from a recognised body will also be accepted.

1.3 Award Criteria

Organically produced cotton or other natural fibres

Bidders must indicate the proportion of cotton or other natural fibres used in the final product by weight deriving from organic production. To be considered as such the crop at the origin of the fibre must be produced in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

Verification:

The supplier must provide evidence of the origin of the fibres used and the organic nature of their production, such as the EU organic logo.

Recycled fibres

Bidders must indicate the proportion of the product by weight made of recycled fibres, i.e. fibres originating only from cuttings from textile and clothing manufacturers or from post-consumer waste (textile or otherwise).

Verification:

The supplier must provide evidence of the origin of the recycled fibres used.