

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who uses environmental product declarations (EPDs)?

Procurement officers are increasingly requesting and using EPDs to compare and select products and services with less environmental impacts. Manufacturers and service providers can use EPDs to meet requirements from their business purchasers, as well as for environmental rating schemes such as LEED (version 4). EPDs can also be used to help identify areas where process efficiency improvements can be made, which can result in decreased environmental impacts and cost savings.

2. How do I know if a product category rule (PCR) exists for my product?

There is no one source that lists all global PCRs. The GEDNet PCR Library (http://pcr-library.edf.org.tw/product_category/index.asp) lists PCRs from various Program Operators, and is an excellent first step. The best place to look for PCRs is on the websites of the various Program Operators. CSA Group can assist you in your search for a PCR – please [contact us](#) for more information.

3. What if I can't find an appropriate PCR for my product?

CSA Group can facilitate the development of a new PCR, or adapt an existing PCR if a suitable one does not already exist. For more information on PCR development, please [contact us](#).

4. What information do I need to develop an EPD?

This can vary based on the corresponding PCR. Most information is provided by conducting a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA); however, additional environmental information may also be included. CSA Group provides an EPD template for applicants to use to help format their EPDs.



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5. How long does it take to register an EPD?

On submitting a completed application package, CSA Group will invoice the applicant for the cost to register an EPD. Once payment is received, we will register and post the EPD within ten (10) business days.

6. How much does it cost to register an EPD?

For more information on the cost to register an EPD, please [contact us](#). Discounts are provided for organizations registering more than one EPD.

7. Can I put the EPD label on my product?

A CSA Group EPD label can be used on the promotional material for your product or service, but not on product packaging. The label will also appear on the EPD itself. The label is used to demonstrate that an EPD has been registered by CSA Group and is compliant with both ISO 14025 and CSA Group's Program Operator Rules.

8. What types of environmental impacts are detailed in an EPD?

The types of environmental impacts and stages of the life cycle of the product that are included in an EPD vary based on the requirements of the PCR for that product. The environmental impacts are quantified by conducting life cycle assessments in accordance with the ISO 14040 series of standards. Some indicators of environmental impact that may be required in an EPD include energy and water usage, as well as emissions to air, water and soil.