

## Frequently asked questions about the FEICA Model EPDs

### FEICA Model EPDs are only available to FEICA members

#### Is there a list of products that are certified according to Model EPDs?

There is no list of products that fulfil the requirements of the FEICA Model EPD system; the supplier usually provides a self-declaration stating that it has checked that its product is covered by the respective Model EPD.

#### What must a FEICA member do when receiving a Model EPD? Are there any further steps that need to be considered when using the FEICA Model EPDs?

According to the FEICA Model EPD system, the manufacturer is responsible for checking that its formulation fulfils the requirements of the respective guideline provided by FEICA to its members. The FEICA member must verify whether the Model EPD in question really covers its product by checking the guideline against its recipe. It then produces a declaration based on the FEICA template confirming that it has checked that the product is covered by the respective Model EPD.

#### Do FEICA members simply need to issue a declaration based on the FEICA template as a cover letter for the respective Model EPD?

Yes. Model EPDs allow customers to make more informed purchasing decisions. So FEICA members need to issue a declaration based on the FEICA template as a cover letter for the respective Model EPD. The template for FEICA members indicates that as members, they can use the Model EPDs.

#### Can the Model EPD declaration, produced by a FEICA member, be used by a third label partner?

The declaration can be handed to third party, but it will bear the signature of the original producing company. The third party cannot publish a similar declaration for the product as they have not checked it themselves (they do not have the guideline or the recipe).

#### How should a FEICA member provide customers with a reproduction Model EPD showing the product name and company details?

The Model EPD must be accompanied by a self-declaration that a FEICA member (or member of a FEICA NAM) has checked that the formulation (or the product) is covered by the FEICA Model EPD. If a customer of one of our members is not a FEICA member and if it does not have the recipe, it cannot produce such a self-declaration. It can however use the self-declaration produced by the FEICA member (or the member of a FEICA NAM).

#### Does the Model EPD system allow the calculation of single substance scores by the users?

No, it does not. The single scores are part of the guidelines, which are part of the programme operator's (Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU)) verified EPDs.

Since the Model EPD system will expire at the end of 2021, FEICA has initiated a joint update project together with three other associations. One task is to update the list of substances; a survey amongst manufacturers was carried out at the beginning of the update project. A process to handle requests for the listing of new substances has not yet been decided.

