



Joint Committee on Sustainable Carpet

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Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 140 – Sustainability Assessment for Carpet (140i30r2)

Revision 2 of NSF/ANSI 140, issue 30 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and **submit your ballot by March 19, 2025** via the [NSF Online Workspace](#).

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Purpose

The proposed revision will define the term ‘intentionally added’ to clarify Section 6.2.2.

Background

The current standard does not define the term “intentionally added”. Before the changes to the number of restricted chemicals in the standard, this was not a problem. But now some of those chemicals may be present as trace contaminants in raw materials and components used to make the product being certified.

Issue paper 30 created a new definition of “intentionally added”, largely borrowed from various state PFAS legislation. The language of the definition was balloted and approved by the JC, but the ballot paper also inadvertently included the state reference for the definition. NSF is requiring us to re-ballot this paper with the JC.

The proposed language will have a positive impact on public health by testing to the most current methodology.

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[Note – the recommended changes to the standard which include the current text of the relevant section(s) indicate deletions by use of ~~strikeout~~ and additions by **grey highlighting**. Rationale Statements are in *italics* and only used to add clarity; these statements will NOT be in the finished publication.]

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3 Definitions

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3.10 first-tier supplier: One step upstream of the manufacturing facility (see Annex N-1, Figure N-1.1).

3.XX intentionally added: Intentionally added means the act of deliberately using a chemical in the formation of a product where its continued presence is desired in the product to provide a specific characteristic.

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life cycle: Consecutive and interlinked stages of a product system, from raw material acquisition or to final disposition or reuse (ISO 14040).

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6.2 Supply chain feedstock inventory

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6.2.2 Input persistent, bio-accumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals and other chemicals of concern (prerequisite)

A manufacturer shall receive 1 point for documenting that PBT chemicals are not intentionally added at 0.1% or greater in the product. This shall apply to the incoming raw materials that result in 0.1% or greater of the final product. Refer to Annex N-1, Figure N-1.1 for a definition of the boundaries to be included in this inventory.

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Rationale: Added “intentionally added” as a definition for clarification of Section 6.2.2, per the 2021 Sustainable Carpet Joint Committee meeting.

Revision 2: Remove “Maryland (HB 22 2021)”