

Joint Committee on Sustainable Carpet

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## Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 140 – Sustainability Assessment for Carpet (140i37r1)

Revision 1 of NSF/ANSI 140, issue 37 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and **submit your ballot by August 28, 2025** via the NSF Online Workspace.

Please review all ballot materials. When adding comments, please include the section number applicable to your comment and add all comments under one comment number whenever possible. If you need additional space, please use the attached blank comment template in the reference documents and upload online via the browse function.

### **Purpose**

The proposed revision will add Section 6.2.3 to clarify verification methods for material composition and intentional added chemicals of concern regarding supply chain feedstock inventory in Section 6.2.

#### Background

This proposed addition in Section 6.2.3 will address/resolve an existing standard deviation regarding the ability to comply with the disclosure requirements of Section 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 using Safety Data sheets (SDS). Changes to the disclosure thresholds for 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 made it more difficult to use SDS to demonstrate compliance. The deviation allows the use of supplier attestations.

This was modeled after similar language in Section 8.3.3 regarding guidance for verification of recycled content.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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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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# Sustainability Assessment for Carpet

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- 6.2 Supply chain feedstock inventory
- 6.2.1 Feedstock inventory documentation (pre-requisite)

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

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 Figure 1 for a definition of the boundaries to be included in this inventory.

#### Section 6.2.3 Material composition and intentionally added chemicals of concern

Verification of material composition or the absence of intentionally added PBT chemicals or chemicals of concern in the product being certified shall be through formula review or supplier attestation letter(s). Supplier Safety Data Sheets (SDS) may only be used if the SDS ingredient details are sufficient to satisfy the credit disclosure levels requirements.

6.3 Manufacturing emissions inventory and credit for voluntary reductions beyond compliance

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Rationale: Add Section 6.2.3 (no points earned) to clarify verification methods for material composition and chemicals of concern in Section 6.2. This was modeled after similar language in Section 8.3.3 regarding guidance for verification of recycled content.