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## Foreword

This document complies with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Standardization Work Guidelines Part 1: Structure and Drafting Rules of Standardization Documents".

Drafting.

This document adopts ISO 14026:2017, "Principles, requirements and guidelines for the communication of environmental labeling and declarations of footprint information".

Please note that some content in this document may involve patents. The issuing organization of this document assumes no responsibility for identifying patents.

This document was proposed and is under the jurisdiction of the National Technical Committee on Standardization of Environmental Management (SAC/TC207).

## Introduction

This document is one of a series of standards for product environmental labeling and declarations. It outlines how to address the environmental aspects of products related to specific areas of concern.

This document provides requirements and guidelines for exchanging information regarding potential environmental impacts. It aims to ensure that only valid, scientifically based, and relevant information is provided.

Comparable procurement information is available to prevent "greenwashing" practices.

The purpose of footprint information exchange is to promote the dissemination of

non-misleading and credible product information.

Footprint information exchange takes into account the local or regional environment, which is relevant to areas where potential environmental impacts may occur.

This includes the environmental impact of each stage of a product's lifecycle, from manufacturing and use to the end of its lifespan. This document aims to ensure the exchange of all footprint information, regardless of the method used.

All quantitative methods follow the same principles and procedures.

This document provides principles, requirements, and guidelines for organizations that wish to communicate product footprint information.

Environmental Labelling and Declaration Principles, requirements and guidelines for footprint information exchange

## 1 Scope

This document provides principles, requirements, and guidelines for communicating information about the environmental footprint of products in areas of concern.

This document also provides requirements and guidelines for the Footprint Information Exchange Program and requirements for the verification process.

This document does not involve the quantification of footprints, nor does it cover the exchange of information about footprints unrelated to the environment, such as those involving social or economic issues.

Footprint. In particular, this document does not cover the exchange of footprint information related to the economic and social aspects of sustainable development. This document relates to...

The scope also does not include the exchange of footprint information related to the organization.

## 2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents, through normative references within the text, constitute essential provisions of this document. Where dates are noted, the references are...

For referenced documents, only the version corresponding to that date applies to this document; for undated referenced documents, the latest version (including all amendments) applies.

Used in this document.

GB/T 24025-2009 Environmental Labelling and Declarations Type III Environmental Declaration Principles and Procedures (ISO 14025:2006, IDT) GB/T 24044-2008 Environmental Management - Life Cycle Assessment Requirements and Guidelines (ISO 14044:2006, IDT) Note. GB/T 24020-2000 Environmental Management - General Principles for Environmental Labelling and Declarations (ISO 14020:1998, IDT) Note. GB/T 33859-2017 Environmental Management Water Footprint Principles, Requirements and Guidelines (ISO 14046:2014, IDT) ISO 14067 Requirements and guidelines for the quantification and communication of the carbon footprint of greenhouse gas products.

**Note:** GB/T 24067-2024 Requirements and guidelines for quantifying the carbon footprint of greenhouse gas products (ISO 14067:2018, MOD) ISO 14071 Environmental management life cycle assessment qualification review process and the competence of reviewers (Environmentalman-ISO/IEC 17050-1 Conformity assessment - Supplier's declaration of conformity - Part 1: General requirements

### 3 Terms and Definitions

The following terms and definitions apply to this document.