

EPH and TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior

A Cooperation for an Independent Product Label



1. What is TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior?

TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior is an **independent quality label for products for interior use**, concerning emission and optionally further quality features. The programme offers a strict separation of testing and surveillance from the certification procedure, being divided between two independent companies. The TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior brand is available as Standard and Premium variant.



2. How does the cooperation between EPH and TÜV work?

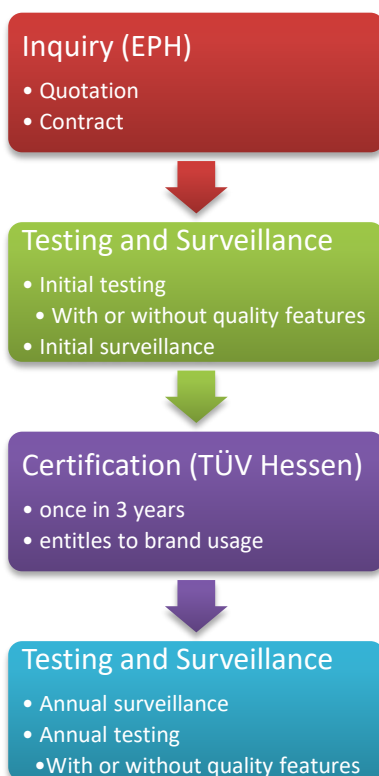
Within the TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior programme, EPH GmbH is – along with TFI Aachen GmbH – responsible for the testing and surveillance. The certification decision is made by TÜV Hessen based on results of both testing and surveillance, in accordance with the criteria for the allocation of the TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior brand.



3. For which products is the Label TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior label available?

The TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior label can be claimed for all interior products, e.g. floorings, wall or ceiling coverings as well wood-based panels, HPL or coatings for concrete.

4. How do I get a TÜV PROFiCERT-product INTERIOR label?



After you have placed an inquiry for testing, surveillance and certification of your product(s) at EPH, you will be asked for the specification of the product features in order to form collections (if necessary). Then, you will receive a tailor-made quotation including all the features you are interested in. By signing the quotation, you place the order, and a contract between your company and EPH will be closed.

Following this, the initial testing and surveillance of your product(s) is made. The results are sent to the Certification Body, which issues the respective certificates, valid for three years.

The regular surveillance of the factory or factories, including sample drawing and testing, take place at least once a year.

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5. What does PREMIUM mean?

All products branded with the Standard TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior label fulfil the criteria according to AgBB, French VOC-Emission Class A, Belgian Regulations on VOC emissions from construction products, LEED v4 as well as BREEAM International New Construction, General Level.

The **PREMIUM** label is available only for products which fulfil further, **especially more severe criteria regarding their emissions**. Following criteria are fulfilled in the PREMIUM-variant:

General Criteria:

- AgBB, August 2018
- Annex 8 of the German Model Administrative Provision – Technical Building Rules (MVV TB / ABG), version 2019/1
- Emission class A+ according to the French regulation on VOC „Décret n° 2011-321 du 23 mars 2011“
- Belgian VOC regulation on emissions from construction products „8 MEI 2014. - Koninklijk besluit tot vaststelling van de drempelniveaus voor de emissies naar het binnenmilieu van bouwproducten voor bepaalde beoogde gebruiken“
- CAM Italy - „Minimum environmental criteria in the procurement of planning and work services for new buildings, renovation and maintenance of buildings and the management of public administration construction sites“, CRITERI AMBIENTALI MINIMI PER L’AFFIDAMENTO DI SERVIZI DI PROGETTAZIONE E LAVORI PER LA NUOVA COSTRUZIONE, RISTRUTTURAZIONE E MANUTENZIONE DI EDIFICI PUBBLICI, decreto 11 ottobre 2017
- LEED v4 (outside North America; LEED v4 for BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, April 5, 2016)
- BREEAM International New Construction 2016 (Technical Manual SD233 1.0), Exemplary Level
- Finnish M1 classification for construction products, version 15.11.2017 (the requirements for acceptability and ammonia are not included. The emission of ammonia for smoked oak parquet is an exception).

Additionally for coated and uncoated wood materials:

- Requirements for formaldehyde emissions pursuant to the Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance of 20 January 2017 (BGBl. I page 94; 2018 I page 1389) including notification of analytical methods for sampling and testing for the substances and substance groups listed in Annex 1 of the Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance of 5 November 2018 (BAnz AT 26.11.2018 B2) - designated as "Chemikalien-Verbotsverordnung – ChemVerbotsV – 2017“
- DE-UZ 76 (Blue Angel), February 2016
- Austrian environmental label, guideline UZ 07, wood, wood-based materials and floor coverings made of wood, version 9.0, 1 January 2019

Additionally for resilient floorings:

- DE-UZ 120 (Blue Angel) (not for PVC flooring), February 2011
- Austrian environmental label, guideline UZ 42, elastic floor coverings, version 4.0, 1. January 1, 2019 (The requirements for odour are not included)

Additionally for textile floorings:

- GUT / PRODIS (Gemeinschaft umweltfreundlicher Teppichboden e.V.) (The requirements for odour are not included)
- DE-UZ 128 (Blue Angel) February 2016 (The requirements for odour are not included)
- EU-Ecolabel for textile floor coverings (2009/967/EC)
- Austrian environmental label, guideline UZ 35, textile floor coverings, version 4.0, January 1, 2019 (The requirements for odour are not included)

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Additionally for underlays for installation, flooring installation materials:

- Emission class EC1^{Plus}, 18.04.2018
- DE-UZ 113 (Blue Angel) (installation materials), January 2019
- DE-UZ 156 (Blue Angel) (flooring underlays), January 2019

Additionally for parquet and wood flooring, laminate floor coverings and multi-layer, modular floor coverings:

- DE-UZ 176 (Blue Angel), January 2013
- Austrian environmental label, guideline UZ 07, wood, wooden materials and wooden floor coverings, version 9.0, 1. January 1, 2019

6. Which requirements are met with the Standard label?

- AgBB, August 2018
- Annex 8 of the German Model Administrative Provision – Technical Building Rules (MVV TB / ABG), version 2019/1
- Emission class A (optionally A+) according to the French regulation on VOC „Décret n° 2011-321 du 23 mars 2011“
- Belgian VOC regulation on emissions from construction products „8 MEI 2014. - Koninklijk besluit tot vaststelling van de drempelniveaus voor de emissies naar het binnenmilieu van bouwproducten voor bepaalde beoogde gebruiken“
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- LEED v4 (outside North America; LEED v4 for BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, April 5, 2016)
- BREEAM International New Construction 2016 (Technical Manual SD233 2.0), General Level

Additionally for coated and uncoated wood-based materials:

- Requirements for formaldehyde emissions pursuant to the Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance of 20 January 2017 (BGBl. I page 94; 2018 I page 1389) including notification of analytical methods for sampling and testing for the substances and substance groups listed in Annex 1 of the Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance of 5 November 2018 (BANz AT 26.11.2018 B2) - designated as "Chemikalien-Verbotsverordnung – ChemVerbotsV – 2017“

7. Is it possible to make changes in the certificate within a certification cycle?

Yes, you can apply for a change in your certificate (expansion/amendment, e.g. for changes in the product names) via EPH or TFI at TÜV Hessen.

8. Which quality features can be certified?

All features included in the product standards can be tested and certified. Please contact EPH for a detailed offer.

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9. Can I apply for a proof of fulfilment of the requirements acc. to MVV TB appendix 8 (ABG) using the TÜV PROFiCERT results?

Yes, you can. Our test reports can be used very well for this purpose. In case of interest, we can arrange an economy priced variant provided by TAB which acknowledges the TÜV PROFiCERT certification.

10. Who do I contact with further questions?

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