

## How *Cradle to Cradle Certified™* fulfils the requirements of the Public Procurement Act for labelling

The information given below shows how *Cradle to Cradle Certified™* satisfies the requirements of the 2014 EU Commission directive on labelling. The information is for guidance, and Vugge til Vugge ApS accepts no liability for any loss or damage arising out of the content of this document or other people's use thereof.

Requirements for eco-labels of the 2014 Commission Directive	This is how <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified™</i> fulfils the following requirements
<p>1) Label requirements only concern criteria which are linked to the subject matter of the contract and are capable of defining the characteristics of the work, goods or services,</p>	<p>Yes, <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified™</i> sets requirements for each certified product and, through <a href="#">five levels of certification</a>, addresses environmental properties of the product and its manufacturing/production process, as well as social fairness and responsible sourcing practices related to the certified product by the product's manufacturer. <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified</i> sets requirements in five key performance categories: Material Health, Material Reutilization, Renewable Energy and Carbon Management, Water Stewardship, and Social Fairness. The <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i> also requires a product manufacturer to continuously improve the certified product's environmental properties and its manufacturing/production process over time in order to remain certified in the program.</p>
<p>2) Label requirements are based on objectively verifiable and non-discriminatory criteria,</p>	<p>Yes, the <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i> criteria are written in clear and precise language, and the criteria are objective and verifiable. The criteria do not discriminate, as all products that are within scope of the standard and meet the requirements may be awarded certification irrespective of the company or its location. The <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i> criteria and associated assessment methodologies, as well as program policies are publicly available on the Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute (C2CP II) website (<a href="http://c2ccertified.org">c2ccertified.org</a>). Evaluation and verification that standard requirements have been met is done by C2CP II, the certification body for the Cradle to Cradle Certified Products Program, in partnership with a global network of accredited assessment bodies.</p>
<p>3) Labels are established using an open and transparent procedure in which all relevant stakeholders, including government bodies,</p>	<p>Yes, <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified</i> criteria are established using an open and transparent procedure in which relevant stakeholders,</p>

<p>consumers, social partners, manufacturers, distributors and non-governmental organisations, may participate,</p>	<p>including government bodies, consumers, ecosystem partners, manufacturers, and non-governmental organisations, may participate. The C2CPII <a href="#">Certification Standards Board</a> (CSB) is the independent decision-making body responsible for the development and maintenance of the <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i> and is composed of technical subject matter experts from a variety of stakeholder groups. The CSB receives input on standard development from five <a href="#">technical advisory groups</a>, members of which are selected via a public call for applicants, as well as the C2CPII <a href="#">Stakeholder Advisory Council</a>, both of which are composed of representatives from a variety of stakeholder groups. The <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i> is currently undergoing a major revision and draft versions will be available for open, public comment in 2019. All interested parties will have the opportunity to provide comments, and all comments received as part of the public consultation periods will be considered by the CSB prior to the standard becoming final in 2020 (estimated).</p>
<p>4) Labels are accessible to all interested parties,</p>	<p>Yes, all products that meet the requirements may be accorded the <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified</i> label. The <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i> criteria are available at <a href="http://c2ccertified.org/resources">http://c2ccertified.org/resources</a></p>
<p>5) Label requirements are set by a third party over which the economic operator applying for the label cannot exercise a decisive influence.</p>	<p>Yes, no single economic operator has decisive influence on the label's requirements. The requirements are set by C2CPII's independent <a href="#">Certification Standards Board (CSB)</a>, which is composed of a variety of stakeholders, none of which comprise more than one third of the membership. A majority of affirmative votes by CSB members is needed for changes to be made to the <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard</i>. Product manufacturers are currently represented on the CSB, as well as the five <a href="#">C2CPII Technical Advisory Groups</a> and the <a href="#">C2CPII Stakeholder Advisory Council</a>, which serve in an advisory capacity only and do not have decision-making authority regarding the <i>Cradle to Cradle Certified</i> standard criteria.</p>