

Document Summary

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Commodity	Carpet
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Revision History

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Purpose

The purpose of this purchasing standard is to set the postconsumer by weight requirement for carpeting in order to label a purchase as Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP).

Authority

[AB 1158 \(2017\)](#) establishes the Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) stewardship program and directs the Department of General Services, in [PRC §42970 – 42983](#), to the extent feasible and within existing resources, take appropriate steps, including, but not limited to, revising relevant procurement rules, to ensure both of the following requirements are satisfied:

- (a) Postconsumer carpet that is removed from state buildings is managed in a manner consistent with the purpose of this chapter.
- (b) Carpet purchased by a state agency contains a minimum amount of postconsumer content that shall be determined by the Department of General Services and published in the State Contracting Manual by July 1, 2018.

Background

[PCC §12400-12404](#), The Department of General Services, in consultation with the California Environmental Protection Agency, members of the public, industry, and public health and environmental organizations, shall provide state agencies with information and assistance regarding environmentally preferable purchasing.

[Executive Order N-19-19](#) directs the Department of General Services (DGS) to leverage its management and ownership of the state's 19 million square feet in managed buildings, 51,000 vehicles and other physical assets and goods to minimize state government's carbon footprint. It directs DGS to develop and implement sustainable purchasing policies across state agencies that prioritize the purchase of environmentally preferable goods such as more sustainable food and recycled materials, consistent with state climate policies.

[PCC §12200-12217](#), State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC), The Legislature finds and declares that it is the policy of the state to conserve and protect its resources. The Legislature further finds and declares that the use of recycled products produced as the result of the superior waste management efforts by the state and local governmental entities will help conserve resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions contributing to global warming pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code).

Purchasing Standard

Carpet products offerings must submit, at time of bid, documentation demonstrating that the product offered meets both:

- Compliant to standard NSF/ANSI 140 platinum tier
- Contains a minimum of 15% post-consumer recycled content by weight for the entirety of the carpeting product (excluding padding and packaging).

UNSPSC Titles

Table 1: UNSPSC eligible products

Commodity	UNSPSC
Carpeting	30161701
Knotted Carpeting	30161708
Tufted Carpeting	30161709
Outdoor Carpeting	30161711
Carpet Pads	30161713
Carpet or Rug Underlays	30161719

References

Find certification standard, [NSF/ANSI 140](#), *Sustainability Assessment for Carpet*
Find California carpet stewardship program details of [Carpet America Recovery Effort \(CARE\)](#)
Find resources from CARE in [Carpet Buyers](#) selecting sustainable carpet products.
Find SABRC compliant products in the [Recycled-Content Product Manufacturers database](#).
Learn more about UNSPSCs by visiting [United Nations Standard Products and Services Code®](#) Website.

Contact Information

Visit the [Buying Green](#) website for additional information about EPP. Questions and concerns over this purchasing standard can be directed to EPP@dgs.ca.gov.