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# Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Definitions

## **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

Acronym/Abbreviation	Expansion	
ATCM	Airborne Toxic Control Measure	
BIM	Building Information Modelling	
САР	Climate Action Programme	
CARES Certification Authority for Reinforcing Steels		
CCA	Crushed Concrete Aggregate	
CEEQUAL	Civil Engineering Environmental Quality Assessment	
CoC	Chain of Custody	
DCL	Dubai Central Laboratories	
ECVM	European Council of Vinyl Manufacturers	
EMAS	Eco Management and Audit Scheme	
EPD	Environmental Product Declaration	
EX20	Expo Dubai 2020 LLC - SO	
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	
GGBS	Ground Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag	
GHG	Greenhouse Gas	
ICE	Inventory for Carbon and Energy	
ISO	International Organisation for Standardization	
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	
LVL	Laminated Veneer Lumber	
LCA	Life Cycle Assessment	
LEED®	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	
MAFF	Ministry of Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries	
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems	
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification	

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Acronym/Abbreviation	Expansion			
РМС	Programme Management Consultant			
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride			
USGBC	U.S. Green Building Council			
VCM	Vinyl Chloride Monomer			
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds			
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development			
WRI	World Resources Institute			

#### **Definitions**

Term	Definition			
BIM	A process involving the generation and management of digital representations of physical and functional characteristics of places.			
Carbon Mitigation	A project or action which reduces the embodied carbon, and which is accomplished by management or change of an emission source.			
Certification Authority for Reinforcing Steels (CARES)	Independent, not-for-profit certification body to provide confidence to the users, purchasers and specifiers of constructional steels through a regime of regulation, testing and inspection.			
Embedded Carbon	Carbon and other Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, comprising embodied carbon and additional emissions released during transportation of materials from manufacturing facility to site and installation of the product.			
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	The Forest Stewardship Council is an international not for-profit, multi-stakeholder organisation established in 1993 to promote responsible management of the world's forests.			
GHG Emissions	The emission of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. GHG are those compounds that absorb and emit radiation within thermal infrared range and contribute to climate change.			
Infrastructure	The facilities and improvements needed to support the event with transportation, information technology and communications networks and utilities.			
KPI	A means of measuring attributes vital to achieving a strategy.			
Legacy	Promoting sustainable prosperity, promoting human development, taking an integrated approach to sound social development, sustaining the environment for future generations and developing modern public sector institutions.			

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Term	Definition			
LEED®	A voluntary, consensus-based, market driven program that provides third-party verification of green buildings administered by the U.S. Green Building Council.			
Product Stewardship	A product-centric approach to environmental protection that requires the associated parties involved in the product's life cycle to share responsibility for reducing the product's environmental impact.			
Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)	The PEFC is an international non-profit, non-governmental organisation dedicated to promoting Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) through independent third-party certification.			
Programme Management Consultant (PMC)	The entity appointed by EX20 to provide programme management consultancy services and act as the manager of the programme.			
Sustainability	Ability to maintain or support an activity or process over the long term.			
U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)	A U.S. based non-profit organisation committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings.			
World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)	CEO-led organisation of forward-thinking companies that galvanises the global business community to create a sustainable future for business, society and the environment.			
World Resources Institute (WRI)	A non-governmental global research organisation which seeks to create equity and prosperity through sustainable natural resource management.			

# **Executive Summary**

Materials are a finite resource. The increase in earth's population and demand of goods has a direct effect on the life cycle of materials. Approximately, 40% of global material use is for building and construction activities. The selection of sustainable materials conserves natural resources and preserves biodiversity at the point of extraction and enhances environmental conditions within the constructed facilities.

The purpose of this document is to provide specific guidance to the Expo 2020 Dubai programme that will support it in achieving sustainable material selection practices.

Sustainable material selection for the Expo 2020 Dubai will be achieved by implementing the following practices:

- Adopting guidelines that account for embedded carbon
- Promoting reused materials and those with a high recycled content
- Encouraging responsible and regional sourcing of materials
- Selecting materials that do not have a negative impact on indoor environmental quality

The Sustainable Materials Procurement Guidelines provide direction on the following:

- Requirements associated with reporting project performance
- Approaches to design that address the following:
  - Embedded carbon content and footprint
  - Environmental impacts generated from material extraction, product manufacture, and transportation
  - Sourcing of materials to improve local economies
  - Indoor environmental quality including health, wellbeing, and productivity
- Approaches to construction that address the use of recycled materials

Specific material key performance indicators (KPIs), as well as sustainability certification criteria such as LEED®, will measure progress toward the fulfilment of programme-wide strategies and reporting requirements during design and construction stages.

Compliance with this guideline and the associated Expo sustainability KPI is demonstrated by the completion of the monthly consultant sustainability data log.

# **1** Introduction

# 1.1 Objective

Selection and procurement of sustainable materials requires understanding and integration of multiple materials aspects including recycled content, embedded carbon, and responsible sourcing. At times, conflicting requirements must be reconciled to deliver the most sustainable outcome.

This guideline focuses on reducing the negative environmental impact of all materials procured as part of the Expo 2020 Dubai programme. Materials will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Socially and environmentally responsible sourcing
- Recycled content
- Regional material
- Embedded carbon content
- Life cycle cost and durability
- Impact on the indoor environmental quality

Material specifications may also impact the achievement of other sustainability aspects, which will require an integrated approach when selecting and specifying materials. For example, a paving slab may have recycled content impacting the materials theme, and a solar reflectance contributing to urban heat island effect.

Implementation of sustainable material purchasing strategies, through the guidelines, will:

- Maintain the material specifications intent
- Reduce embedded carbon
- Consider the origin including the impact of manufacturing and production
- Avoid adverse impacts on human health, well-being and the environment
- Drive delivery of the sustainable economic legacy of the programme

Ultimately, the material purchasing process will support the development of a local supply chain that provides opportunities for local businesses and job creation in a socially responsible manner.

These Guidelines have been presented to the Dubai Municipality's Dubai Central Laboratories (DCL) division. DCL have confirmed alignment of the materials requirements stipulated in these guidelines, with Dubai's overarching approach to sustainable materials.

## 1.2 Sustainability Outcomes

Implementing the Sustainable Materials Guidelines across the programme will support the delivery of the sustainability outcomes as follows:

- Selection of materials with a lower embedded carbon content will reduce the embedded carbon footprint of the programme.
- Choosing responsibly sourced materials will minimise the environmental impacts associated with material extraction, product manufacture and transportation. Incorporating materials with recycled content can support the diversion of waste from landfill, reduce the demand for virgin materials, as well as potentially reduce embedded carbon.
- Incorporating sustainable materials requirements across the programme will enhance the awareness of designers and workers. By choosing environmentally and socially responsible suppliers when sourcing materials, employees of suppliers and people living in proximity to materials extraction and manufacturing facilities will be protected. In addition, the choice of low emitting materials and products will improve the indoor environmental quality with a positive impact to the occupants' health and wellbeing and productivity.
- Through implementing the guidelines to purchase materials, companies supplying the programme will be encouraged to consider the sustainability of products.

Implementation of these guidelines at programme and project level will facilitate:

- Promotion of environmentally and socially responsibly sourced materials with higher recycled content, lower embedded carbon and reduced impacts on indoor environment,
- Integrated consideration of all materials aspects during procurement,

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- Sharing of information across the programme on products available on the regional and global market, and
- Engagement with key stakeholders to encourage changes in regulations and building codes to allow the use of sustainable materials.

## **1.3 Compliance Demonstration Methodology**

This document is provided as guidance for designers and contractors. The minimum compliance standard defined by the Expo 2020 sustainability KPIs is that more than 90% by weight of the total weight of the material types listed in this document (concrete, steel, aggregate, timber and PVC) should comply with the requirements as set out for those materials in Appendix A. The monthly consultant sustainability data log materials tab should be completed to demonstrate compliance with this KPI. The compliance is for the totality of these material types, so individual material percentage compliance may go below 90% by weight, as long as the overall compliant weight of materials exceeds 90% of the total weight of these types of material. In practice, this means that the majority of the heavier materials, such as concrete and steel, should be compliant with the requirements listed in these guidelines.

# 2 Requirements

Specific materials requirements, as well as sustainability certification criteria (i.e. LEED®), will help fulfil programme-wide strategies and reporting requirements during design and construction stages.

The project team is required to embed these requirements into the project-specific Sustainability Management Plan. Materials selection for both permanent and temporary (event) built assets is to be addressed. Design consultants are to identify the key materials on their project and define how they will reduce impacts, particularly carbon footprints, so that efforts on materials sustainability are focused on those few materials that have the largest sustainability impact.

Designers must ensure specified materials are considered in an integrated manner to determine the best overall sustainability outcome and align with sustainability KPIs. Similarly, contractors must ensure materials are procured and installed as per the specification and the sustainability KPIs, with any specific installation requirements captured and communicated to all relevant parties.

To track materials performance on the programme, design consultants and contractors are to complete the monthly materials data logs, via the PMC's sustainability management tool. Furthermore, any documentation on installed materials must be collated to support the delivery of the required monitoring and measuring and any third-party sustainability certification, such as LEED® and CEEQUAL.

# 2.1 Calculating Embedded Carbon

Selection of materials with reduced embedded carbon, resulting from the use of lower carbon raw materials or more efficient processing techniques, supports the overall carbon commitment for Expo 2020 Dubai. The intent of the guidelines is to estimate carbon emissions associated with material selection for the programme and meet the carbon aspirations for Expo 2020 Dubai.

The acceptable compliance paths are detailed below.

### 2.1.1 Performance Based

Design teams are to develop a baseline carbon model for the asset based on current local industry standard materials and dimensions. The basis of design for this model is to be discussed and agreed with the PMC at the start of Concept Design, and the model itself is to be reviewed with the PMC once prepared.

The baseline carbon model is to be compared to a design carbon model, which uses as-designed materials and details. An overall reduction in embodied carbon, from baseline to design, of 20% is to be achieved for key materials. The design carbon model shall be maintained during the design and construction stages to track and monitor performance against the emission reduction target for the facility.

Total embedded emissions in key construction materials are defined as cradle-to-gate plus transport to the Expo Dubai 2020 site. Material volumes are to be sourced from the project Building Information Modelling (BIM) model.

Key construction materials are those accounting for the greatest proportion of the total embodied carbon footprint of the built asset. Identification of these materials is to be carried out in consultation with the PMC.

For carbon factors for materials, see Section 2.1.3 Calculation Methodology.

### 2.1.2 Compliance Based

Where performance-based modelling of baseline and carbon footprints is not practical, project teams shall specify and install materials that meet the technical requirements listed in Appendix A. If any of a project's key materials is not covered by Appendix A, e.g. aluminium, then the performance-based methodology shall be followed.

#### 2.1.3 Calculation Methodology

Cradle-to-gate emissions<sup>1</sup> shall be estimated for key construction materials. These emissions arise from:

- Extraction and any processing of raw materials or primary products
- Transportation of raw materials and primary products to site of final production
- Manufacturing processes

These emissions shall be estimated using the following sources:

Table 2-1. Embedded Carbon Calculation Sources

Cradle-to-gate Embodied Energy	Suppliers' Environmental Product Declarations University of Bath Institute for Carbon and Energy Version 2.0 <sup>2</sup>			
Grid Emission Factors	UAE:			
	2015: 0.413 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	2016: 0.411 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	2017: 0.411 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	2018: 0.407 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	2019: 0.407 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	2020: 0.432 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	2021: 0.454 kgCO <sub>2-e</sub> /kWh			
	Other: International Energy Agency			
Stationary Combustion Factors	WRI GHG Protocol for Stationary Fuel Combustion			
Transportation Factors	In the absence of more accurate data, Consultants can use the following emissions factors:			
	Road (HGV): 62 gCO <sub>2-e</sub> /tonne-km			
	Rail: 22 gCO <sub>2-e</sub> /tonne-km			
	Sea (deep-sea): 8.4 gCO <sub>2-e</sub> /tonne-km			
	Sea (deep-sea): 8.4 gCO <sub>2-e</sub> /tonne-km Sea (short-sea): 11.5 gCO <sub>2-e</sub> /tonne-km			

**Note**: Cradle-to-gate quantification is guided by The Greenhouse Gas Protocol Initiative Guidance for Calculating Scope 3 Emissions: Calculation Guidance for Implementing the GHG Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting.

## 2.2 Environmental Considerations for Materials

Decisions on which materials to use on a particular project will be taken on the basis of an assessment of a range of factors, including:

• Whether the identified use is necessary or merely desirable, and the extent to which the use could be minimised or excluded

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cradle-to-gate emissions estimations consider all aspects of sourcing and manufacturing, but the analysis ends when the product leaves the production facility

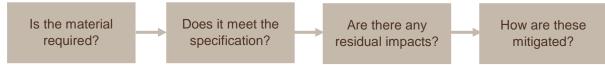
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Materials will be sourced from a variety of countries, each with their own mix of energy sources feeding the electricity grid. In addition, factories producing materials may employ onsite energy sources which would also influence the embodied energy of a material. Where embodied energy is not obtainable before procurement of materials, default emissions factors are sourced from Prof. G. Hammond & C Jones (2011) Inventory of Carbon & Energy (ICE) – version 2.0, University of Bath, UK.

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- Suitability, such as structural integrity, ease of use, installation and dismantling, water-proofing, etc.
- Cost and value for money
- Environmental and social impacts across the whole life cycle, including:
  - The scope for potential harm to the environment and public health
  - The scope for recycling or re-use (with an emphasis on the importance of closed loop reuse and recycling options)
  - The percentage of recycled content
  - Embodied carbon
- Any wider implications or requirements affecting the use, such as the ability to print on, backlight and project onto a material
- Availability and suitability of substitute materials, each of which shall be evaluated on the same criteria

Schematically, this can be expressed as:



Assessments shall also take account of the possibility and desirability of using a mix of materials for the same or similar solutions, especially where this offers greater opportunity to promote sustainable procurement.

Where the balance of factors leads to the procurement of materials which carry potentially adverse environmental or social impacts, at any stage in the manufacturing, supply, usage or disposal processes, reasonable steps to mitigate these impacts are to be taken, such as through the use of method statements, for example.

### 2.2.1 Concrete

Concrete has high thermal mass, is fire resistant, and long lasting. However, it has a high carbon footprint. The maximum embodied carbon footprints for different grades of concrete are listed in Appendix A. Some strategies to achieve this include use of Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBS) or Fly Ash, in line with Dubai Municipality's guidance on "green" concrete.

### 2.2.2 Steel

Steel is a durable and low-maintenance material that can be recycled repeatedly without degradation or performance. For the maximum carbon footprint and other notes refer to Appendix A. Structural steel components and reinforcing bars in all applications and of any shape shall be certified to originate from a recognised responsible source.

### 2.2.3 Aggregate

Crushed Concrete Aggregate (CCA) can be used in the following applications provided it complies with the technical requirements described in Appendix A:

- Use of coarse CCA in base and sub-base: up to 90%
- Use of fine CCA in pavement surface: up to 15%
- Concrete production: up to 15%. This only applies to CCA generated at the batching plant from returned or unused concrete. Imported CCA or recycled aggregate is not approved for use in structural concrete on this project.

A lower limit is not provided due to limited availability, however use of CCA links to the carbon target.

### 2.2.4 Timber

All timber used on site, including formwork, is to carry sustainable forestry certification, specifically Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification (PEFC). Certified timber is increasingly available in this market and ample time is given for contractors to work on their supply chains to ensure supply.

When estimating carbon footprints for timber, Consultants should use the University of Bath's Inventory of Carbon & Energy (ICE) and Embodied Energy and Carbon in Construction Materials documents, with inclusions for transportation to site.

## 2.2.5 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

Where Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) is required for performance-based reasons, and it can be robustly demonstrated that no other more suitable, cost effective, alternative substance or material exists, mitigating measures must be pursued, including, but not limited to:

#### Manufacture

- The supplier must demonstrate that any PVC supplied has been manufactured in accordance with the European Council of Vinyl Manufacturers (ECVM) Industry Charter for the Production of Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) and PVC.
- The supplier must confirm that:
  - The production of PVC does not result in effluent discharges exceeding established water quality standards, or vent gases exceeding European standards for waste incineration.
  - The production of PVC is conducted in a way that prevents fugitive emissions during manufacture and protects the health and safety of employees.
- The non-recycled content of PVC must not contain lead, mercury or cadmium stabilisers, and Expo 2020 Dubai will challenge suppliers not to include older recycled content which may include lead, mercury or cadmium stabilisers.
- The Contractor must use reasonable endeavours to procure PVC with a recycled content of at least 30% unless this is specifically precluded by performance requirements, for example where a structural tensile membrane must be fully waterproof in which case new PVC (with 0% recycled content) may be acceptable.
- Where PVC proposed contains less than 30% recycled content, the contractor must ensure that the PMC is consulted and agree to its use in the specific instance.
- PVC is to be produced using non-phthalate plasticisers.

#### Supply and Disposal

- Where PVC is procured for temporary usage or where permanent usage is not assured, Contractors are to ensure that there is a take-back scheme that offers a closed loop reuse system or mechanical recycling system for post-consumer waste. Take-back schemes that specify incineration, land-filling or any form of disposal of PVC that does not include recycling or reengineering options are not acceptable.
- Any additional costs for take-back schemes must be set out in the tender documentation so that budgetary impacts can be monitored.
- If a contractor believes that it has valid reasons why it cannot meet any of these conditions, then it must promptly raise this with the PMC and provide a detailed justification for not meeting the condition(s).

#### Exclusions

• Where a product made from (or containing) PVC is to be hired but is already part of the hire market, and is due to be returned to that market after use, that product may be used at Expo 2020 Dubai. However, contractors and operators are expected to use reasonable endeavours to work with the hire market to identify appropriate materials or products, meeting as many of the conditions as possible, including all the relevant environmental, health, safety, and regulatory conditions; and to choose suppliers which have responsible disposal and/or recycling policies and procedures in place.

#### 2.2.6 Reused and Recycled Materials

The project teams must identify suitable opportunities in the design and construction stages to address the following material requirements:

Table 2-2. Reused and Recycled Materials

Recycled Content	Sourced from post-consumer and/or post-industrial recycled material (e.g. metals)				
Recycled Product	Sourced from waste materials for another use (e.g. recycled aggregates)				
Reused	Sourced from waste materials for direct use (e.g. components of existing buildings scheduled for demolition)				
Product Stewardship	Manufacturer agreement to take back the product at the end of its service life for reuse, recycling or reprocessing				

Project teams are required to consider the Table 2-2 requirements within the scope of required sustainability rating (e.g. LEED®, CEEQUAL) certifications and the embedded carbon reduction requirements.

It is a requirement that the material costs and the recycled content of any procured material are recorded to allow determination of the relevant materials information.

#### 2.2.7 Material Reduction

Sustainability impacts can also be reduced by using less material. This could be achieved, for example, through additive manufacture of building elements, and such savings would be reflected in the carbon footprint models prepared under the performance based methodology described above.

To ensure a baseline level of improvement over standard practice, Expo 2020 Dubai requires design teams to demonstrate that the average utilisation of structure is a minimum of 70% or greater. The target value shall be based on a representative sample and inclusion of all primary structural elements. Secondary structures including façade supports and similar are excluded from this assessment. The evaluation process includes calculation of utilisation factors based on samples taken along the structure height and distributed uniformly over the footprint.

The calculation shall be based on a sample accounting for minimum of 5% of elements in each category: beams, columns, walls, slabs, and similar. The utilisation ratios for an individual element is to be calculated at the critical point and also considering the governing criteria, either strength or serviceability. These factors are to be calculated based on formula:

- Strength Criteria: applied force > 0.7 x member resistance Member resistance is calculated based on the adopted design standard/code. This may include but is not limited to resistance to: flexure, shear, axial and any other combination of member forces, and also includes stability effects.
- Serviceability Criteria: deformations > 0.7 x code permissible value Effects studied may include but not limited to: deflections of individual beams and slabs at one level, inter-storey drift for wind or seismic, and similar.

The applied loads to the structure are assumed to be based on applicable codes and adopted for the project. Excluded from this representative calculation are members for which vibrations and fatigue are the governing design criteria.

# 2.3 Social Considerations for Materials

#### 2.3.1 Responsible Sourcing

Sustainable construction considers and identifies products that minimise the potential harm that may occur to people and the environment through the extraction and manufacture of products. Such responsible sourcing identifies products whose manufacturers have implemented management systems to identify and minimise potential harm. Responsible sourcing also addresses ethical principles based but not limited to:

- Human rights
- Discrimination
- Fair pay
- Child labour
- Forced labour

Responsible sourcing shall align, as a minimum, with Expo 2020 Dubai Vendor Code of Conduct for Vendors and procurement policies.

The project teams are to identify materials that comply with the accreditation requirements in Appendix A.

### 2.3.2 Healthy and Low Emissions Materials

Materials used in construction that have a detrimental impact on indoor air quality, present risks to the health of the workforce and building occupants. Alternative materials that minimise or avoid such health risks are frequently available, and innovative sustainable alternative solutions may also be identified.

To avoid the use of materials with an unacceptable risk, and promote the selection of lower risk materials, three chemical lists have been developed (see Appendix B):

- A Banned Chemical List detailing chemicals that must not be used, including where the chemical is a component of a product.
- A Restricted Chemical List detailing chemicals that should be avoided where possible, and the use of which should be minimised.
- List of maximum Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) levels for paints, adhesives, sealants and flooring systems, and formaldehyde emission limits for composite wood products.

The project teams are required to:

- Identify chemicals on the Banned Chemical List and the Restricted Chemical List as part of the material specification, selection, and procurement process.
- Ensure that no products containing components on the Banned Chemical List are incorporated into the specification and procured during construction.
- Minimise the specification and procurement of products containing components on the Restricted Chemicals List by undertaking an assessment of alternatives. Restricted chemicals are only to be used where no alternatives prove viable. Viability is to be based on analysis of systems which include the proposed chemicals, and options which include more sustainable alternatives. The analysis is to include:
  - Total system global warming potential
  - Other environmental impacts
  - Total capital cost
  - Total operational cost
- Minimise the specification and procurement of products containing components on the VOC list and identify and propose opportunities for specification of alternative products.
- Minimise the specification and procurement of products containing components on the formaldehyde list and identify and propose opportunities for specification of alternative products.

## 2.4 Economic Considerations for Materials

#### 2.4.1 Regional Sourcing

By considering material sourcing locality and considering the transportation methods, and hence transportation related carbon emissions, it is possible to reduce the embedded carbon associated with materials transport as well as support local businesses.

Project teams are required to consider regional sourcing within the scope of required sustainability rating (e.g. LEED<sup>®</sup>) certifications and the embedded carbon reduction requirements, where feasible.

### 2.4.2 Life Cycle Assessment

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) considers the embedded impacts associated with a material, including water use and disposal, energy requirement, fossil fuel depletion, waste disposal, minerals extraction, from the point of creation to the point of disposal or reuse.

The Expo 2020 Dubai programme supports the use of LCA approach to materials selection. Where innovative products are proposed, LCA may be required to address one or more aspects of the product performance.

# 2.5 Legacy

The Expo 2020 Dubai programme intends to construct assets that implement international sustainability best practice and applying robust materials selections strategies while supporting local and international businesses that operate to the highest environmental and social standards. The Expo 2020 Dubai programme aspires to work with other programmes across the UAE and Dubai to create standards for project delivery that may be adopted by other construction programmes across the region.

# **3 Design Stage Review**

The following list details some of the key aspects that may be considered during the design stage reviews. Further aspects may be considered at the discretion of the PMC.

- Design efficiencies
- Lightweight design
- Modular design
- Responsible sourcing (including timber)
- Key materials identified
- Key challenges identified
- Recycled materials
- Reduce embedded carbon
- High carbon items and substitution options
- Healthy/low emission materials
- Compliance of specifications with Banned Chemical List
- Specifications of alternative products to minimise those on the Avoid Chemical List
- Life Cycle Assessment
- Innovative solutions

# **Approval Request**

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The PMC hereby recommends and requests approval from EX20.



**Materials Schedule** 

Material	Compliance Element	Compliance Requirements	Submission Requirements	
Steel		Independently verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) to EN 15804 or equivalent showing the global warming potential, which is to be equal to World Steel average for the below. Alternatively, the consultant should provide an Employer-approved embedded carbon LCA showing that the overall building structure/envelope system beats a baseline by 20% as defined in section 2.1.1 of this document.		
		Carbon steel rolled sections, plates and bars for structural applications	EPD/LCA	
	Carbon	Stainless steel sections	EPD/LCA	
		Hot and cold formed carbon steel tubular sections, corrugated plates and similar sections	EPD/LCA	
		Carbon bars for concrete reinforcement	EPD/LCA	
		Stainless steel reinforcing bars for concrete	EPD/LCA	
		Any other structural steel materials not specified above	EPD/LCA	
		BS EN ISO 14001 or EMAS accreditation or alternatively an Employer Approved Environmental Management System structured in compliance with best practice standards. This applies only to suppliers who manufacture the products they are supplying. Otherwise, the suppliers should source the evidence from their manufacturers showing compliance with this requirement.		
		- BS OHSAS 18001 accreditation, or alternatively an Employer Approved Health & Safety Management System structured in compliance with best practice standards. This applies only to suppliers who manufacture the products they are supplying. Otherwise, the suppliers should source the evidence from their manufacturers showing compliance with this requirement.		

Material	Compliance Element	<b>Compliance Requirements</b> Independently verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) to EN 15804 or equivalent standard which shows the global warming potential is equal or lower than the following values kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>3</sup> : Alternatively, the consultant should provide an Employer-approved embedded carbon LCA showing that the overall building structure/envelope system beats a baseline by 20% as defined in section 2.1.1 of this document.					Submission Requirements
		Strength Grade	20MPa and lower	30MPa	40MPa	50MPa and greater	
		Concrete Supply (see notes)	215	250	270	280	
	Carbon	Notes:					EPD/LCA
Concrete		Included in kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>3</sup> values at transport, chemical admixtures from the plant.	1				
		Excluded from kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>3</sup> values fabrication processes to constru- stressing steel, and similar.					
		Linear interpolation shall be use	ed for concrete	strengths o	other than t	he posted values.	
	One of the strategies to achieve the carbon requirements for concrete material supply may be replacement of Portland cement content with the following supplementary cementitious materials such as GGBS, Fly Ash and Silica Fume. See Dubai Municipality guidance for maximum and minimum levels of cement replacement.						us
		BS EN ISO 14001 or EMAS accreditation or alternatively an Employer Approved Environmental Management System structured in compliance with best practice standards. This applies only to suppliers who manufacture the products they are supplying. Otherwise,					

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		the suppliers should source the evidence from their manufacturers showing compliance with this requirement.	
		- BS OHSAS 18001 accreditation, or alternatively an Employer Approved Health & Safety Management System structured in compliance with best practice standards. This applies only to suppliers who manufacture the products they are supplying. Otherwise, the suppliers should source the evidence from their manufacturers showing compliance with this requirement.	
	Responsible	Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certification or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) certification.	Chain of Custody (CoC) certificate with codes or serial
	Sourcing	Applies to all timber and wood products, including temporary works.	numbers
		The following are not permitted at Expo 2020 Dubai, including in temporary works:	
		- Meranti	
Timber	Restrictions	- Rosewood	
		- Any other endangered tree species	
		- Chromated copper arsenate-treated timbers	
	Reuse	Use of Crushed Concrete Aggregate (CCA) in <b>concrete production</b> shall conform to requirements of BS 8500 and accompanied standards considering concrete strength class and associated exposure. Alternatively, ACI 555R in conjunction with corresponding ASTM standards is acceptable.	
Aggregate		Properties of recycled concrete aggregates used for <b>road base course and other unbound</b> <b>mixtures</b> shall conform to requirements of AASHTO M 319-02(2010). Alternatively, BS EN 13403 can be used for this application. Maximum percent CCA is 90%.	
		These requirements are summarised below, subject to RTA approval:	

Material	Compliance Element	Compliance Requirements		Submission Requirements
		Parameter	Limit	
		Loss by Abrasion Test AASHTO T096	40% maximum	
		Liquid Limit AASHTO T089 (ASTM D4318)	25% maximum	
		Plasticity Index AASHTO T090 (ASTM D4318)	4% maximum	
		Sand Equivalent AASHTO T176	35% minimum	
		California Bearing Ratio at 98% MDD – AASHTO T193	120% minimum	
		Soundness (Magnesium) – AASAHTO T104	15% maximum	—— Lab test results
		Flakiness – BS 812	35% maximum	
		Elongation – BS 812	35% maximum	
		Sulphate Content – BS 812	2% maximum	
		Chloride Content – BS 812	2% maximum	
		Foreign Material Type	%	
		High density materials such as glass, brick, asphalt	10 maximum	
		Metallic items such as steel, aluminium, iron	1 maximum	
		Low density materials such as plastic, rubber, plaster, clay lumps and other friable material	1 maximum	Lab test results
		Wood and other vegetable or decomposable matter	0.2 maximum	

Material	Compliance Element	Compliance Requirements		Submission Requirements
		ASTM D2940 Sieve (mm)	% Passing	
		50	100	
		37.5	95-100	_
		19	65-95	_
		9.5	30-65	Field testing results by
		4.75	25-55	contractor
		2.00	15-40	
		0.425	8-20	
		0.075	2-8	
PVC		Complies with ECVM Industry Charter for the Production of	VCM and PVC, or	Certificate
	Responsible Sourcing	<ul> <li>Required:</li> <li>Must not contain lead, mercury or cadmium stabilisers</li> </ul>		Product data sheet Product data sheet
		<ul> <li>Must be produced using non-phthalate plasticisers</li> <li>Take-back scheme for temporary-use PVC preferred</li> </ul>		Written evidence
		<ul> <li>Has recycled content of at least 30% unless this is performance requirements</li> </ul>	specifically precluded by	Product data sheet
		BS EN ISO 14001 or EMAS accreditation or alternatively an Employer Approved Environmental Management System structured in compliance with best practice standards This applies only to suppliers who manufacture the products they are supplying. Otherwise		

Material	Compliance Element	Compliance Requirements	Submission Requirements
		the suppliers should source the evidence from their manufacturers showing compliance with this requirement.	
		- BS OHSAS 18001 accreditation, or alternatively an Employer Approved Health & Safety Management System structured in compliance with best practice standards. This applies only to suppliers who manufacture the products they are supplying. Otherwise, the suppliers should source the evidence from their manufacturers showing compliance with this requirement.	
		- A valid ISO 9001 certificate, or an independent 3 <sup>rd</sup> party certification pertaining to the product being supplied (i.e. manufacturing process, testing, conformity to the relevant standard, etc.).	Copy of certificate and/or management system manual, or documentation demonstrating
All materials	Responsible Sourcing	<ul> <li>Compliance with governing laws and regulations with regards to worker welfare, including accommodation standards and employment practices.</li> </ul>	management system manual, or documentation demonstrating compliance. Worker welfare compliance
	oburcing	- Compliance with Expo 2020 Dubai Code of Conduct for Vendors	statement.
			Documentation demonstrating compliance with Expo 2020 worker welfare policy.



**Chemical Lists** 

## **Banned Chemical List**

This list does not comprise a full list of materials banned for use. All parties must comply in full with the UAE, Dubai and international legislation, however, the following chemicals shall not be used at Expo 2020 Dubai.

### Annex III Chemicals and Chemicals Recommended for Listing

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

2,4,5-T and its salts and esters	DDT	Octabromodiphenyl ether commercial mixtures
Actinolite asbestos	Dieldrin	Paraquat dichloride
Alachlor	Dinitro-ortho-cresol (DNOC) and its salts (such as ammonium salt, potassium salt and sodium salt)	Parathion
Aldicarb	Dinoseb and its salts and esters	Pentabromodiphenyl ether and commercial mixtures
Aldrin	EDB (1,2-dibromoethane)	Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters
Amosite asbestos	Endosulfan	PFOS, its salts and PFOSF
Anthophyllite	Ethylene dichloride	Phosphamidon
Azinphos-methyl	Ethylene oxide	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBBs)
Benomyl	Fluoroacetamide	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
Binapacryl	HCH (mixed isomers)	Polychlorinated Terphenyls (PCTs)
Captafol	Heptachlor	Tetraethyl lead
Carbofuran	Hexachlorobenzene	Tetramethyl lead
Chlordane	Lindane (gamma-HCH)	Thiram
Chlordimeform	Mercury compounds, including inorganic mercury compounds, alkyl mercury compounds and alkyloxyalkyl and aryl mercury compounds	Toxaphene (Camphechlor)
Chlorobenzilate	Methamidophos	Tremolite
Chrysotile asbestos	Methyl-parathion	Tributyl tin compounds
Crocidolite	Monocrotophos	Tris(2,3 dibromopropyl)phosphate

## Annex A, B and C Chemicals and Chemicals Proposed for Listing

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Aldrin	Heptachlor	Pentachlorophenol
	Hovebromebickers	Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl
Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane	Hexabromobiphenyl	fluoride
Beta hexachlorocyclohexane	Hexabromocyclododecane	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)
Chlordane	Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether	Polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF)
Chlordecone	Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)	Polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD)
Chlorinated naphthalenes	Hexachlorobutadiene	Short-chained chlorinated paraffins
DDT	Lindane	Technical endosulfan and its related isomers
Dieldrin	Mirex	Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether
Endrin	Pentachlorobenzene	Toxaphene

### **Other Chemicals**

The following chemicals are also banned from Expo 2020 Dubai.

- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- Methylene Chloride
- Perchloroethylene

## **Restricted Chemical List**

The following chemicals, which have high global warming potentials, shall only be used where analysis is submitted that shows no viable alternative exists.

- Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)
- Halons

# **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)**

The contractor shall consider material finishes (internal applications), having lower than the following total VOC (TVOC) content limits:

Product Type (Paints, Varnishes and Coatings)	Max TVOC (g/L Ready to Use Product)
California Air Resources Board 2007 Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings	As defined by the standard
South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1113	As defined by the standard

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Product Type (Paints, Varnishes and Coatings)	Max TVOC (g/L Ready to Use Product)
European Decopaint Directive (2004/42/EC)	As defined by the standard
Canadian VOC Concentration Limits for Architectural Coatings	As defined by the standard
Hong Kong Air Pollution Control (VOC) Regulation	As defined by the standard
Walls and ceilings – interior gloss Trim – gloss, semi-gloss, satin, varnishes and woodstains	75
Walls and ceilings – interior semi-gloss, low sheen and flat washable	16
Ceilings - interior flat	14
Timber and binding primers	30
Latex primer for galvanised iron and zincalume	60
Interior latex undercoat and sealer	65

Product Type (Adhesives and Sealants)	Max TVOC (g/L Ready to Use Product)
South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1168	As defined by the standard
European Decopaint Directive (2004/42/EC)	As defined by the standard
Canadian VOC Concentration Limits for Architectural Coatings	As defined by the standard
Hong Kong Air Pollution Control (VOC) Regulation	As defined by the standard
Indoor carpet and carpet pad adhesive	50
Wood flooring and laminate adhesive	100
Rubber flooring adhesive	60
Sub-floor and cover base adhesive	50
Ceramic tile adhesive	65
Dry wall and panel adhesive	50
Structural glazing adhesive	100
Architectural sealants	250

#### Appendix B – Chemical List

Sustainability

Product Type (Carpets and Floor Coverings)	Max TVOC (g/L Ready to Use Product)
Carpets	4-PC (4-Phenylclohexene) 0.05mg/m2 per hour
Floor coverings other than carpets	5mg/m2/h at three days
(ASTM D5116 or ISO 16000) Floor coverings other than carpets (IS0 10580)	0.5mg/m2/h at 28 days 0.5mg/m2/h at 24 hours

# Formaldehyde

The contractor shall consider engineering wood products (including exposed and concealed applications), havinglower content emissions for different testing protocols than the values in the table below:

Test Protocol	Emission Limit/Unit of Measurement
California Air Resources Board Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for various composite wood applications	As defined by the standard
AS/NZS 2269:2004, testing procedure AS/NZS 2098.11: 2005 method 10 for Plywood	≤1mg/L
AS/NZS 1859:2004, Particle Board with use of testing procedure AS/NZS 4266.16: 2004 method 16	≤1.5mg/L
AS/NZS 1859:2004, MDF with use of testing procedure AS/NZS 4266.16: 2004 method 16	≤1mg/L
AS/NZS 4357:4, Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)	≤1mg/L
Japanese Agricultural Standard MAFF Notification No.701 Appendix Clause 3 (11) - LVL	≤1mg/L
JIS A 5908:2003 Particle Board and Plywood, with use of testing procedures JIS A 1460	≤1mg/L
JIS A 5905:2003 MDF, with use of testing procedures JIS A 1460	≤1mg/L
ASTM D5116	≤0.1(+/-0.0005) mg/m2hr
ISO 16000 part 9, 10 and 11 (also known as EN 13419)	≤0.1(+/-0.0005) mg/m2hr (at 3 days)
ASTM D6007	≤0.1(+/-0.0005) mg/m2hr (at 3 days)
ASTM E1333	≤0.12mg/m3
EN 717-1 (also known as DIN EN 717-1)	≤0.12mg/m3
EN 717-2 (also known as DIN EN 717-2)	≤0.12mg/m3



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