

# EPH and TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior

A New 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, taking 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?

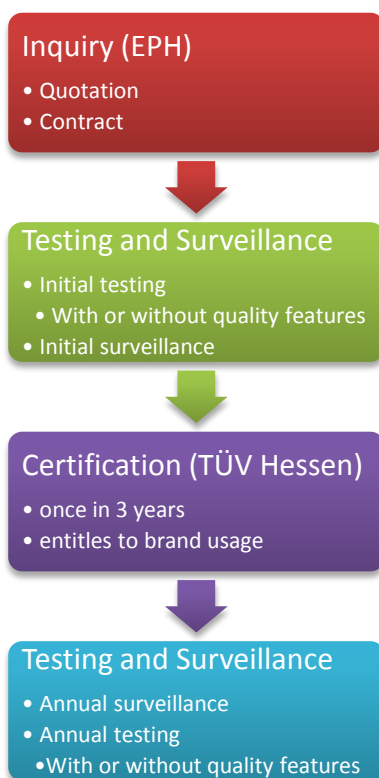
Within the TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior programme, EPH GmbH is – along with TFI Aachen GmbH – responsible for the testing and surveillance. The certification decision is made by TÜV Hessen on the basis of results of both testing and surveillance, in accordance with the criteria for the allocation of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

## 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, we will ask you 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 is closed.

Next, the initial testing and surveillance of your product(s) is made. The results are sent to the Certification Body, which issues one or more 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 harsh criteria regarding the emissions**. Following criteria are fulfilled in the PREMIUM-variant:

### General Criteria:

- AgBB, February 2015
- Emissions Class A+ according to the French VOC Regulation „Décret n° 2011-321 du 23 mars 2011“
- Belgian Regulations on VOC 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“
- 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
- Finn M1-Classification for construction products, version 21.05.2014 (the criteria according acceptance and Ammonia are not included, except of ammonia emission from smoked oak parquet).

### Additionally for parquet and wooden floorings, laminate floor coverings, MMF:

- RAL-UZ 176 (Blauer Engel), January 2013
- Austrian “Österreichisches Umweltzeichen”, Richtlinie UZ 56, Fußbodenbeläge, Version 3.0, 1. Jänner 2015

### Additionally for resilient floorings:

- RAL-UZ 120 (not for PVC-floorings), February 2011
- Austrian “Österreichisches Umweltzeichen”, Richtlinie UZ 56, Fußbodenbeläge, Version 3.0, 1. Jänner 2015 (the criteria regarding smell are not included)

### Additionally for textile floorings:

- GUT / PRODIS (Gemeinschaft umweltfreundlicher Teppichboden e.V.) (the criteria regarding smell are not included)
- RAL-UZ 128 (Blauer Engel), February 2016 (the criteria regarding smell are not included)
- EU-Ecolabel for textile floorings (2009/967/EG)
- Austrian “Österreichisches Umweltzeichen”, Richtlinie UZ 56, Fußbodenbeläge, Version 3.0, 1. Jänner 2015 (the criteria regarding smell are not included)

### Additionally for underlays:

- Emicode EC1Plus, 05.05.2015
- RAL-UZ 113, June 2011
- RAL-UZ 156, February 2011

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## 6. 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) at TÜV Hessen directly.

## 7. 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.

## 8. I already have the Ü-mark. Can I change to TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior?

Certainly, you can apply for a change. In this case, the results of the last surveillance test can be recognised as initial test results for TÜV PROFiCERT-product Interior. The surveillance and testing cycle can be kept as well.

## 9. Who do I contact with further questions?

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