Gemeinschaft Emissionskontrollierte Verlegewerkstoffe, Klebstoffe und Bauprodukte e.V.
Association for the Control of Emissions from Products for Flooring Installation, Adhesives and Building Materials

GEV EMICODE®

Awarding of licence for the use of EMICODE

Licence Number:	12591/24.02.97
For the product	BAL GROUT FLEX
Due to application date	02.11.2020

With reference to the classification in accordance with the directives as stipulated in § 10 of the GEV trademark constitution

on behalf of the GEV for the above mentioned product as per § 5, section 4 of the GEV trademark constitution is awarded the licence for the use of the GEV trademark

This product meets with the guidelines for the criteria of use listed reverse.
The company is ordinary member of the GEV.

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valid until 16.12.2030

The Secretary General
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Requirement guidelines for the awarding of the EMICODE licence

The product mentioned on the front side of the licence has to fulfil among others the following criteria in accordance with the Constitution and the guidelines of the Technical Council of the GEV:

- The product meets all the legal requirements, especially the chemical laws and their specifications.
- The product is solvent free as specified in chapter 2.4 of the “GEV Classification Criteria”, except if it is a surface treatment product. If the product is assigned to a GISCODE product group then this can be labelled.
- A safety data sheet (SDS) according to local law in its respectively valid version is issued for the product.
- Carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic substances of the categories 1A or 1B are not actively added to the product during manufacture (for exemptions see chapter 3.1.2.2 of the “GEV Classification Criteria”).
- The testing of the product is performed in accordance with the “GEV Testing Method”. VOC determination is performed in a test chamber followed by the Tenax / thermal desorption procedures with subsequent GC/MS analysis.
- The assignment of an EMICODE class is performed according to the following criteria and TVOC/TSVOC concentration levels. The corresponding EMICODE class shall be used to label the product:

1) Installation products, adhesives and construction products

Parameter	EC 1 PLUS	EC 1	EC 2
	max. allowed concentration [µg/m³]		
TVOC after 3 days	≤ 750	≤ 1000	≤ 3000
TVOC after 28 days	≤ 60	≤ 100	≤ 300
TSVOC after 28 days	≤ 40	≤ 50	≤ 100
R value based on German AgBB LCI (NIK) after 28 days	≤ 1	≤ 1	-
Sum of non-assessable VOC	≤ 40	-	-
Formaldehyde after 3 days	≤ 50	≤ 50	≤ 50
Formaldehyde after 28 days	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
Acetaldehyde after 3 days	≤ 50	≤ 50	≤ 50
Sum of form- and acetaldehyde	≤ 0.05 ppm	≤ 0.05 ppm	≤ 0.05 ppm
Sum of volatile C1A/C1B after 3 days	< 10	< 10	< 10
Any volatile C1A/C1B after 28 days	< 1	< 1	< 1

2) Products for floor surface treatments for parquet, mineral floors and resilient floorings

Parameter	EC 1 PLUS	EC 1	EC 2
	max. allowed concentration [µg/m³]		
Sum TVOC + TSVOC after 28 days	≤ 100 thereof max. 40 SVOC	≤ 150 thereof max. 50 SVOC	≤ 400 thereof max. 100 SVOC
R value based on German AgBB LCI (NIK) after 28 days	≤ 1	≤ 1	-
Sum of non-assessable VOC	≤ 40	-	-
Formaldehyde after 3 days	≤ 50	≤ 50	≤ 50
Formaldehyde after 28 days	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
Acetaldehyde after 3 days	≤ 50	≤ 50	≤ 50
Sum of form- and acetaldehyde	≤ 0.05 ppm	≤ 0.05 ppm	≤ 0.05 ppm
Sum of volatile C1A/C1B after 3 days	< 10	< 10	< 10
Any volatile C1A/C1B after 28 days	< 1	< 1	< 1

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