

Addendum to the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard, Version 4.0 User Guidance

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Type of Change: Addition to Further Explanation

Applicable User Guidance Section(s): Water & Soil Stewardship, Section 7.1 Characterizing Local and Product Relevant Water & Soil Issues, Key Materials

Applicable Achievement Level(s): Bronze

Applicable Requirement(s):

A key material is defined as a material that is typically produced using a high-volume water use process or a pollutant intense process (see *Cradle to Cradle Certified® Water & Soil Stewardship – Key Materials* reference document for the list of applicable materials and processes).

The key materials in scope for the Water & Soil Stewardship requirements must be determined at the generic material level (e.g., if several aluminum parts are used, the total weight of aluminum applies). If there are no key materials present at $\geq 25\%$ when aggregated by generic material type, but the sum of all key materials is $\geq 25\%$, the requirements for key materials must be applied to the key materials representing the highest weight or cost fractions of the product until $< 25\%$ of the product includes key materials to which the requirements have not been applied. If the 25% threshold is met when using only weight or only cost, then the metric that results in meeting the 25% threshold must be used.

Applicable User Guidance:

Further Explanation, Identifying Key Materials and Associated Processes in Scope

When applying requirements pertaining to key materials in other sections of the standard note that:

- For key materials sourced from more than one supplier, all suppliers are within scope.
- For a key material that is produced by a supplier at more than one facility, all facilities are within scope unless it can be determined that the material is consistently sourced from only certain supplier facilities.

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Further Explanation, Identifying Key Materials and Associated Processes in Scope

Alternatively, for individual key materials sourced from more than one supplier or from more than one supplier facility, the suppliers and facilities providing the majority of the supply are in scope (i.e., suppliers and facilities supplying > 50% of each key material in scope).

Facilities in de facto high-risk locations (as defined per Social Fairness Section 8.1 Assessing Risks and Opportunities) and locations with high risk on water quantity and/or quality (as defined per standard Section 7.1 Characterizing Local and Product Relevant Water & Soil Issues), if any, must be selected preferentially for achieving the requirements for the majority of the supply.

Exception: Minor and/or back-up suppliers representing $\leq 5\%$ of supply combined may be excluded regardless of risk levels as long as the requirements are still achieved for the majority of the supply.