

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

While ABET LAMINATI SpA does not have an Environmental Management System (EMS) in place, it has implemented a Safety Management System which, in consideration of Italian national legislation in matters of waste control, emission of polluting gases, discharge of liquids etc., includes procedures for waste minimization and the prevention and management of emergency events affecting environmental and personal safety.

It is relevant to underline that, in order to reduce the use of natural resources and the production of waste:

- *Industrial liquid waste is fully recovered for the production of resins.*
- *Most kraft and decorative papers needed for the production of ABET LAMINATI HPL laminates contain recovered/recycled materials (saw dust, filler, cellulose and recycled papers).*
- *Some of the waste of the semi-finished and finished products are used to produce backer laminates.*
- *Scraps and waste from the semi-finished and finished product are processed into incinerators recovering energy.*
- *About 30% of TEFOR, as secondary raw material, is obtained from the waste produced during sanding and cutting of ABET LAMINATI HPL. Another 50% is comprised of polypropylene and the remaining 20% is recycled Tefor. In North America the polypropylene used is non-virgin.*
- *The paper used in the production of ABET LAMINATI HPL is obtained from raw material (cellulose) coming from a sustainable use of forests. Abet LAMINATI'S main supplier of decorative and kraft papers comply with FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) – SF1 PEFC CoC Standards or other relevant International Certification Systems of Forest Management.*

Annex: PDS 01 + special Infotec (LCA)

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