

## **TCO Certified Tablets 3.0**



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# Introduction

TCO Certified is an international third party sustainability certification for IT products. By choosing TCO Certified computers, displays and other devices, businesses and organizations around the world are able to help meet environmental and social challenges associated with electronics.

Since the end of the 1980s, TCO Development has advanced the sustainable development of IT products. Today our international certification system – TCO Certified – makes it easier to choose sustainably designed and manufactured IT products such as displays, computers, smartphones and tablets. TCO Certified is a third party certification, Type 1 Eco Label according to ISO14024.

## Sustainability in all life cycle phases

Electronics are associated with many different sustainability risks throughout the life cycle, including manufacturing, use and end of life phases. Criteria in TCO Certified aim to address many of these challenges throughout the life cycle, making it the most comprehensive third party certification for IT products. For each criteria area in this document, the relevant life cycle phase is indicated by the following icons:



**Criteria – Manufacturing phase**  
Socially responsible manufacturing, environmental management system.



**Criteria – use phase**  
Climate, ergonomics, health and safety, extended product life and emissions.



**Criteria – end of life phase**  
Reduction of hazardous content and chemicals, design for recycling

With every major update we aim to enhance the criteria in line with technology innovation and sustainability challenges. Updates are a result of dialog with key stakeholders, such as purchasers, users, industry, and subject matter experts. This criteria document, TCO Certified Tablets 3.0, is the third version of TCO Development's certification of Tablets. Moving forward, subsequent versions, 3.1, 3.2 etc., may be released. However, these are to be considered only as updates within the third version, with improved precision of the mandates and test methods.

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TCO Development, Stockholm, November, 2015

# A Criteria

## A.1 General information

This document contains requirements, test methods and references for Tablet computers with a display size > 4". The intended use of a tablet computer certified according to this criteria document shall not be mobile communication with the product held to the head.

### **Tablet definition**

For the purpose of this document a Tablet Computer, Slate Computer or simply “**Tablet**”, is a wireless, portable [computer](#) that is primarily for battery mode usage and has a [touch screen](#) interface. This means that connection to mains via an adapter is considered to be mainly for battery charging purposes and the onscreen virtual keyboard or a digital pen is in place of a physical keyboard.

However, external keyboards are available for Tablets, some of which function as docks for the devices. If a detachable keyboard docking station is supplied together with the Tablet for the intention of the product being converted to a notebook computer, then it is considered the product shall be tested according to the latest TCO Certified Notebooks criteria document found at the TCO Development web site.

### **The criteria document setup**

The aim of this criteria document is to provide relevant criteria and test methods covering all phases of the life cycle of the product. Criteria are set so that 30-50% of the products available on the market can pass. This criteria document consists of two parts; Part A- the mandated criteria and Part B - clarifications and test methods.

### **Compliance**

Compliance with the mandates in this criteria document can be achieved in one of two ways; either through a test report or through a verification report.

1. A test report is defined as a report based on:
  - Testing conducted by the facility issuing the test report for the product identified in the report.
2. A verification report is defined as a summary report and a verdict (pass or fail) based on either:
  - A test report issued by the same facility
  - A test report issued by a different facility.
  - Declarations, certificates or other proof from the Company or Brand owner applying for the certificate.

The options accepted by TCO Development for each criterion can be found under each mandate.

## A.1.1 Information to End-Users

### Background

It is important that the purchaser of a product that has been certified in accordance with TCO Certified Tablets receive information concerning the quality, features and capabilities of the product. This information is based on the viewpoint from the user's perspective that TCO Development represents.

### Applicability

All tablet computers.

### Life Cycle Phase



### Clarification

[See B.1.1](#)

### References

The contract between TCO Development and the Applicant/Brand Owner.



**Mandate A.1.1:**

An information document called “TCO Certified Document” provided by TCO Development shall accompany the product to describe why these particular criteria have been chosen for the products within the TCO Certified program, and what is expected to be achieved by them. The document shall be written in English or the native language where the product is to be sold.

Examples of how the document can accompany the product:

- As a separate printed document.
- As a digital file or printed in the user manual.
- As a direct link from the user manual or digital file to the document on the manufacturer’s web site.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

1. Information on how the TCO Certified Document accompanies the product
2. A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The document shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s)
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date	..... Company

## A.2 Visual ergonomics

Good visual ergonomics is a very important aspect of quality that can also have a direct effect on the health, comfort and performance of the user. Good ergonomics, such as a high quality display image, can also influence our productivity and extend the usable life of a product. In this way, ergonomic design can also offer sustainability benefits.

In developing criteria for visual ergonomics, the possible health effects of various parameters have been taken into account. Other features that characterise high quality displays have also been in focus when developing these criteria.

TCO Development used three main methodologies to determine suitable levels and test methods for the visual ergonomics criteria:

1. Acceptable visual levels, as determined by scientific research.
2. Statistics from tests carried out in accordance with TCO Development, ISO, MPR regulations and from specialized VDU tests.
3. Manufacturers' knowledge and experience, which is invaluable.  
Manufacturers, consumer groups and other organisations with interests in the visual ergonomics field have contributed a great deal of valuable information and ideas throughout the development process.

### Life Cycle Phase



## **A.2.1 Image detail characteristics**

### **A.2.1.1 Native display resolution requirement**

#### **Background**

Image quality is negatively affected by a low fill factor, visible "jaggies", poor rendering of details, etc. All of these parameters are related to the resolution of the display. For display resolution characteristics, it is important to take the viewing distance into account.

The viewing distance in this criteria document is defined as  $1.5 \times$  the display diagonal, but no less than 400 mm, which could be considered as an absolute minimum viewing distance for comfortable viewing. This means that the mandate on resolution is independent of the display size and viewing distance but dependent on the aspect ratio. Only the display format needs to be known.

#### **Definition**

A *pixel* is the smallest addressable imaging element of the display capable of reproducing a full range of luminance and colours.

The *native display resolution* is the number of pixels in the horizontal direction by the number of pixels in the vertical direction that the display can present.

#### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

#### **Test procedure**

[See B.2.1.1.](#)

#### **References**

2.

#### **Mandate A.2.1.1:**

The *pixel* density shall be  $\geq 30$  pixels/degree visual angle.

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## A.2.2 Luminance characteristics

### A.2.2.1 Luminance level

#### Background

It shall be possible to set the luminance level according to the lighting conditions of the surroundings. Poor luminance can lead to low contrast and consequently affect legibility and colour discrimination and the potential for misinterpretations. It shall be possible to set a sufficiently high luminance level relative to the ambient lighting in order to present a comfortable viewing situation and to avoid eyestrain.

#### Definition

*Luminance* being emitted from a particular area is a measure of the luminous intensity per unit area of light travelling in a given direction and falls within a given solid angle.

The unit of luminance is  $\text{cd/m}^2$ .

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Test procedure

[See B.2.2.1.](#)

#### References

1, 2, 18, 22, 28 and 32.

#### **Mandate A.2.2.1:**

The maximum *luminance* shall be  $\geq 200 \text{ cd/m}^2$ . Also applicable for at least one battery mode.

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### **A.2.2.2 Luminance uniformity**

#### **Background**

Image quality is badly affected by non-uniform luminance. When poor luminance uniformity is visible, it can locally affect the contrast and consequently the legibility of information on the display. The areas of deviating luminance can have different sizes and cause varying contour sharpness.

#### **Definition**

*Luminance uniformity* is the capacity of the display to maintain the same luminance level over the whole active screen area. The luminance uniformity is defined as the ratio of maximum to minimum luminance within the fully active screen area.

#### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

#### **Test procedure**

[See B.2.2.2.](#)

#### **References**

1, 2, 16, 18, 22, 23, 28, 33 and 34.

#### **Mandate A.2.2.2:**

Luminance variation across the active screen, the  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  ratio, shall be  $\leq 1.50$ .

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### **A.2.2.3 Luminance uniformity - angular-dependence**

#### **Background**

The luminance of a display is angular-dependent, i.e. screen luminance decreases when the display is viewed slightly from the side, horizontally or vertically. This can have a negative effect on contrast and can affect the legibility of the display.

#### **Definition**

*Luminance uniformity* – angular dependence, is the capacity of the display to maintain a certain luminance level independently of the viewing direction. The angular-dependent luminance uniformity is defined as the ratio of maximum luminance ( $L_{\max}$ ) to minimum luminance ( $L_{\min}$ ) in the specified measurement areas.

#### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

#### **Test procedure**

[See B.2.2.3.](#)

#### **References**

1, 16, 23, 28, 33 and 34.

#### **Mandate A.2.2.3:**

- 1) In landscape mode, when the screen is rotated around the vertical axis through the centre of the screen the mean value of the  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  ratios at  $\pm 30^\circ$  shall be  $\leq 3.00$
- 2) In landscape mode, when the screen is rotated around the horizontal axis through the centre of the screen the mean value of the  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  ratios at  $\pm 30^\circ$  shall be  $\leq 3.00$

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a test report and a verification report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.

## A.2.3 Luminance contrast characteristics

### A.2.3.1 Luminance contrast – characters

#### Background

The degree of contrast is important for legibility and for distinguishing one character from another.

#### Definition

*Luminance contrast* – characters is the capacity of the display to maintain an adequate luminance difference between a bright background and dark characters or parts of characters over the whole active area.

*Luminance contrast* – characters is expressed as the ratio of the  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  difference over the sum of  $L_{\max}$  and  $L_{\min}$ , in accordance with Michaelson's formula.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Test procedure

[See B.2.3.1.](#)

#### References

2, 16, 19, 23, 24, 28 and 33.

#### Mandate A.2.3.1:

The character *luminance contrast* shall be  $\geq 0.70$  measured orthogonally to the screen.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a test report and a verification report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.

### A.2.3.2 Luminance contrast – angular dependence

#### Background

For a product with a display, the luminance and consequently the contrast on the display is angular-dependent. The luminance variations can influence both the bright white and the dark areas of the screen, causing a change in contrast. This can have a negative effect on the legibility of the display,

#### Definition

*Luminance contrast – angular dependence*, is the capability of the display to maintain the same contrast regardless of the direction from which the screen is viewed. Luminance contrast – angular dependence, is expressed as the ratio of the  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  difference over the sum of  $L_{\max}$  and  $L_{\min}$ , in accordance with Michaelson's formula. It is measured at two different angles.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Test procedure

[See B.2.3.2.](#)

#### References

2 16, 20, 24, 29 and 34.

#### Mandate A.2.3.2:

In landscape mode, the *luminance contrast-angular dependence* shall be  $\geq 0.80$  at  $\pm 30^\circ$  horizontally from the viewing direction (rotated around the vertical axis through the centre of the screen).

#### Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:

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## A.2.4 Screen colour characteristics

### A.2.4.1 Correlated colour temperature, CCT variation

#### Background

If the display is equipped with a pre-set correlated colour temperature setting, the user should expect that the colour hue of the correlated colour temperature setting is close to the one indicated by the pre-set. This makes it possible to more accurately evaluate the colour of an image on the display compared to real scenes or prints.

Physical measurements of colour stimuli can only give an indication of the colour appearance in a practical situation. The colour of the frame, the spectral composition of the lighting, the colour of various areas in the visual field, and the complexity of brightness variations in the visual field all influence the colour appearance of an image.

Normal daylight has a correlated colour temperature in the range 5000 – 10000 K.

#### Definition

The *correlated colour temperature* is a measure of the perceived screen colour expressed in kelvin (K).

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Test procedure

[See B.2.4.1.](#)

#### References

2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31 and 35.

#### Mandate A.2.4.1:

The *correlated colour temperature* of the active display shall be in the range 5000K to 10000K.

For Tablet computers with Correlated Colour Temperature pre-sets, each pre-set shall have a colour difference  $\Delta u'v' \leq 0.012$  when compared to CIE  $u'$  and  $v'$  chromaticity co-ordinates for corresponding correlated colour temperatures.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a test report and a verification report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.

#### **A.2.4.2 Colour uniformity**

##### **Background**

The human visual system is very sensitive to changes in colour hue in white and grey areas. Since the white or grey colour hues are the background on which most colours are judged, the white or grey areas are the reference colours on the screen.

Patches of colour variation on an active white or grey screen could reduce the contrast locally, be disturbing and affect the legibility, colour rendering and colour differentiation.

##### **Definition**

The *colour uniformity* of a display is the capability to maintain the same colour in any part of the screen.

##### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

##### **Test procedure**

[See B.2.4.2.](#)

##### **References**

2, 8, 14, 15, 24, 26, 30 and 36.

##### **Mandate A.2.4.2:**

The maximum colour deviation between measured active areas on the screen that are intended to maintain the same colour shall be  $\Delta u^*v^* \leq 0.012$

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a test report and a verification report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.

### A.2.4.3 RGB settings

#### Background

Accurate colour rendering is important when realistic colour images or colour presentations are presented on the display. Poor colour rendering can lead to poor legibility and misinterpretation. The  $u'$  and  $v'$  chromaticity co-ordinates of the primary colours red (R), green (G) and blue (B) of the screen shall aim at values given in international IEC, EBU and ITU standards. The  $u'$  and  $v'$  chromaticity co-ordinates of the primary colours R, G and B form a triangle in the CIE 1976 uniform chromaticity scale diagram. The larger the area of the triangle, the wider the range of colours the screen is capable of presenting.

The colour characteristics of a display are based on the visual appearance of the displays primary colour stimuli, the R, G, B-stimuli.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Test procedure

[See B.2.4.3.](#)

#### References

3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 29, 31 and 35.

#### Mandate A.2.4.3:

The minimum colour triangle shall have the following co-ordinates:

	Red		Green		Blue	
Co-ordinate	$u'$	$v'$	$u'$	$v'$	$u'$	$v'$
Requirement	$\geq 0.375$	$\geq 0.503$	$\leq 0.160$	$\geq 0.548$	$\geq 0.135$	$\leq 0.305$

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#### **A.2.4.4 Colour uniformity – angular dependence**

##### **Background**

The human visual system is very sensitive to changes in colour hue in white and grey areas. Since the white or grey colour hues are the background on which most colours are judged, the white or grey areas are the reference colours on the screen. Angular-dependent colour variations on an active white or grey screen could be disturbing and affect legibility, colour rendering and colour differentiation.

##### **Definition**

The *colour uniformity – angular dependence* of a display is the capability of the display to maintain constant colour over the screen surface depending of the direction from which the screen is viewed.

##### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

##### **Test procedure**

[See B.2.4.4.](#)

##### **References**

2, 8, 14, 15, 24, 26, 30 and 36.

##### **Mandate A.2.4.4:**

In landscape mode, the  $\Delta u'v'$  between areas on the left side and the right side of the screen when it is positioned at  $+30^\circ$  and at  $-30^\circ$  horizontally to the screen normal (rotated around the vertical axis through the centre of the screen) shall be  $\leq 0.025$

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#### A.2.4.5 Colour greyscale linearity

##### Background

A well-tuned colour greyscale is the basis for good colour rendering on the screen. This is measured via steps in a greyscale on the screen. Each greyscale step shall have similar colour hues in order to simplify colour interpretation and, to avoid confusion for the user, only the luminance shall vary.

##### Definition

*Colour greyscale linearity* is the capability of the screen to maintain the same  $u'$ ,  $v'$  co-ordinates of a greyscale pattern at all greyscale levels, i.e. only the luminance shall change from one greyscale step to the next.

##### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

##### Test procedure

[See B.2.4.5.](#)

##### References

2, 8, 14, 15, 24, 26, 30 and 36.

<b>Mandate A.2.4.5:</b>						
<b>Table A.2.4.5</b>						
	<b>Maximum <math>\Delta u'v'</math> difference</b>					
<b>Greyscale</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>255</b>	0					
<b>225</b>	0.045	0				
<b>195</b>	0.045	0.045	0			
<b>165</b>	0.050	0.050	0.050	0		
<b>135</b>	0.055	0.055	0.050	0.050	0	
<b>105</b>	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.050	0
<p>The <math>\Delta u'v' \leq</math> the maximum allowed difference for each step according to table A.2.4.5</p> <p><b>The following information shall be submitted with the application to TCO Development:</b></p> <p>A copy of a test report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.</p>						

## A.4 Emissions

Many people find acoustic noise annoying, especially high-pitched noise. To prevent annoyance TCO Development sets criteria to limit the noise from products with integrated fans.

### A.4.1 Acoustic noise

#### Background

Acoustic noise from fans, hard disk etc. can be annoying. To prevent such annoyance, the aim is for the IT product to cause a minimum of noise during usage. Many end-users are sensitive to noise with different characteristics. To give the end-user a possibility to choose a product with a comfortable noise level and frequency characteristics generated by a product, this information should be declared together with all other data related to the product in question.

#### Definitions

To be able to provide information about acoustic noise levels that permits comparison between different Tablet computers the declared A-weighted sound power level ( $L_{WAd}$ ) in operating and idling mode measured in accordance with ISO 9296 p.4.4.1 in bels (B) shall be reported. The following definitions apply:

*Sound power level ( $L_W$ ):*

Total emitted sound power from a sound source, given in bels (B) and with the reference 1 pW .

*A-weighting:*

The measured linear sound level (sound pressure or sound power) weighted against the sensitivity of the human ear for different frequencies (A-curve).

*Declared A-weighted sound power level ( $L_{WAd}$ ):* in bels (B). Defined in accordance with ISO 9296 3.2.5.

*Operating mode.* A condition in which the system and hard disk drive shall be operated in accordance with ECMA-74 C.15.3.2 and C.9.3.2.

*Idling mode.* A condition in which the system shall be operated in accordance with ECMA-74 C.15.3.1.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers with integrated moving parts.

#### Life Cycle Phase



**Test procedure**

[See B 4.1](#) and ISO 7779:2010

**References**

37-43.

**Mandate A.4.1:**

For Tablet computers with integrated moving parts, such as motor driven hdd, fans, etc.

1. The *declared A-weighted sound power level (LWAd)* shall not exceed:

*Operating mode:* 3.9 B

*Idling mode:* 3.5B

If the product does not emit prominent discrete tones according to procedures specified in ECMA 74 Annex D a higher declared A-weighted sound power level (LWAd) is accepted but shall not exceed:

*Operating mode:* 4.2B

*Idling mode:* 3.8B

2. The A-weighted sound power level for a product shall be declared in the product data sheet and/or in any other product descriptions.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a test report and a verification report from a test facility approved by TCO Development.

## A.5 Electrical safety

### A.5.1 Electrical safety

**Background**

Electrical safety concerns the electrical design of apparatus with respect to its electrical insulation and other arrangements that are intended to prevent accidents resulting from contact with live components, and the risk of fire or explosion as a result of electrical flash-over due to inadequate or faulty electrical insulation.

**Applicability**

All Tablet computers with built-in power supplies as well as any separate power supply intended to be used together with the Tablet computer.

**Life Cycle Phase****References**

44.

**Mandate A.5.1:**

The Tablet computer and the internal or external power supply/supplies shall be certified in accordance with EN/IEC 60950 or EN/EIC 60065 or [EN/EIC 62368-1](#).

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of the CB certificate or national certificate from a CB member (NCB).



## A.6 Environment

This section details the environmental criteria in TCO Certified, which offer a unique, integrated balance of environmental issues in the manufacturing, use and end of life phases of the product.

The environmental criteria are divided into the following sections:

1. Manufacturing – criteria focusing on the manufacturing phase and environmental management
2. Climate – energy consumption, one of the most important issues in the environmental impact of IT products.
3. Hazardous Substances – heavy metals, flame retardants, plastics.
4. Material resource efficiency – factors to extend the life of the product and influence better use of material resources.
5. End of life – factors to stimulate recycling and minimize the impact of e-waste.

Potential environmental effects are evident at each stage of the product life cycle. The environmental criteria TCO Development has focused on in this document are those that we consider most relevant to the product group. They have also proved to be attainable in volume manufacturing and are verifiable. Future criteria updates will likely focus on the manufacturing phase, hazardous substances and climate issues.

Compliance with these criteria is verified by sending the requested information to a verifier approved by TCO Development.

### Life Cycle Phases



## A.6.1 Product description

### Background

The aim of this product description is to provide third party verified information about the product. The information is used by TCO Development to verify that the product complies with the criteria in TCO Certified.

The information is also provided on the certificate to buyers so that it helps them calculate the sustainability impact of the products and the benefit of buying products that fulfil TCO Certified.

Using the declared sustainability information a buyer can, for example, implement climate compensation or other sustainability-related measures connected to the sustainability impact of the product. This data is often used by organisations in their annual sustainability report or internal programs aimed at minimizing the environmental impact of IT.

### Definition

*Recycled plastic* is post-consumer recycled plastic, which has been used in products.

*Plastic parts* are all product parts made out of plastic except panels, electronic components, cables, connectors, PWBs, insulating mylar sheets and labels. This is primarily due to insufficient available alternatives. This also means that the weight of these items is not included when calculating the total weight of the plastic in the product in this requirement.

*Marking plate /Marking label* is the label that contains the product's electrical rating in terms of voltage, frequency, current and the manufacturer's name, trademark or identification mark together with the manufacturer's model or type reference. The label shall be in accordance with IEC 60 950:1 clause 1.7.1.

### Applicability

All Tablet computers and the equipment specified in requirement A.1.1 supplied with them

### Life Cycle Phases



### Clarification

[B.6.1](#)

### References

44.

**Mandate A.6.1:**

A product declaration shall be provided for the Tablet computer. The following information shall be verified by the third party facility and is printed by TCO Development on the certificate.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

1. The declaration below, completed where applicable.
2. A copy of the marking label for the Tablet computer and any external power supply.

The information submitted shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report including all information in the table below from a verifier approved by TCO Development and a copy of the marking label.

**Declaration of a Tablet computer.**

Tablet computer	Information
Manufacturer	
Brand name	
Brand Owner	
Type/Model name	
Product Family name	

Panel	Information
Brand name	
Type/Model name	
Size and technology	

Brand & model name	Rating and Class

Battery: Brand & model name	Technology (e.g. Li-ion), rating & characteristics

**Declared sustainability information**

Percentage of <i>recycled plastic</i> by weight of total weight of plastic parts	
Total weight of the product and power supply (without packaging) in Kg	

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

.....	.....
Product brand name	Model name(s)
.....	.....
Signature	Name and title in block capitals
.....	.....
Date	Company

## A.6.2 Manufacturing

### A.6.2.1 Environmental management system certification

#### Background

A certified environmental management system shows that the company has chosen to work in a systematic way with constant improvement of the environmental performance of the company and its products. A certified environmental management system includes external independent reviews.

#### Definitions

*Manufacturing plant:* Manufacturing facility where the final assembly of the TCO Certified product takes place.

#### Applicability

The company or companies which manufacture the Tablet computer.

#### Life Cycle Phase



#### Clarification

[B.6.2.1](#)

#### References

45 and 46.

**Mandate A.6.2.1:**

Each *manufacturing plant* must be certified in accordance with ISO 14001, or EMAS registered. If the product is manufactured by a third party, it is this company that shall be certified or registered.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

1. A document showing the names and addresses of the manufacturing plants.
2. Copy of the ISO 14001 certificate or EMAS registration from each manufacturing plant.
3. A written guarantee that the certificate/registration is valid and that the mandate above is fulfilled, signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s)
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date	..... Company

## A.6.3 Climate

### A.6.3.1 Energy consumption

#### Background

Energy is the single most important topic in the issue of climate change. Energy efficient equipment is an important and effective way to fight climate change. With an ever-increasing volume of IT equipment in use, the efficiency of each product is vital. To reduce energy consumption from the Tablet the external power supply shall comply with the International Efficiency Marking Protocol for External Power Supplies.

#### Applicability

All external power supplies.

#### Life Cycle Phase



#### Clarification

[B.6.3.1](#)

#### References

52.

**Mandate A.6.3.1:**

The external power supply shall meet at least the International Efficiency Protocol requirement for level V.

**Submit the following to the verifier at the test facility:**

A copy of the marking label for the external power supply

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of the marking label for the external power supply

## A.6.4 Hazardous substances

### A.6.4.1 Cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg), lead (Pb) and hexavalent chromium (CrVI)

#### Background

The effects of cadmium, mercury, lead and hexavalent chromium are well documented as substances that are hazardous to both our health and the environment. Electronic devices contain hazardous substances like heavy metals and brominated flame retardants. This causes problems both in the use phase (additives can leak from the plastic and accumulate in dust, harming both our health and the environment) and at end-of-life, where uncontrolled recycling can cause the release of toxins such as dioxins and furans.

This criterion is harmonized with EU RoHS2 Directive (2011/65/EU), except that TCO Certified does not allow mercury in the display panel backlight. As TCO Certified is a global certification this also affects products sold outside the EU.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Life Cycle Phase



#### Clarification

[B.6.4.1](#)

#### References

54.



**Mandate A.6.4.1:**

**The Tablet computer shall not contain cadmium, mercury, lead and hexavalent chromium.**

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

**A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.**

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

**A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.**

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

Product brand name	Model name(s)
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Signature	Name and title in block capitals

.....  
 Date Company

#### **A.6.4.2 Halogenated substances**

##### **Background**

Halogenated flame retardants and plasticizers are often persistent, can bio accumulate in living organisms and have been detected in both humans and the environment. These substances may be problematic in the manufacturing and end of life phases where workers or the environment can be exposed. They can also migrate from the products during the use phase with unknown health effects as a result.

##### **Definitions**

*Plastic parts* are parts made mainly of plastics, e.g. the housing. Parts containing other materials in any significant amounts, e.g. cables with metal conductors, are not included in the definition.

*Printed wiring board laminate* is a printed board that provides point-to-point connections but not printed components in a predetermined configuration on a common base.

*Halogens* are a group of five chemically related non-metallic elements in the Periodic Table; fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine and astatine.

Polybrominated biphenyls (*PBB*) and Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (*PBDE*) are restricted in the RoHS directive (2002/95/EC) due to the hazardous properties of these substances. Hexabromocyclododecane (*HBCDD*) has been identified as a Substance of Very High Concern in accordance with EU REACH criteria due to PBT (persistent, bio accumulative, toxic) properties.

##### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

##### **Clarification**

[B.6.4.2](#)

##### **References**

55.

**Mandate A.6.4.2:**

1. *Plastic parts* weighing more than 25 grams shall not contain flame retardants or plasticizers that contain halogenated substances.

**Note:** This applies to plastic parts in all assemblies and sub-assemblies. Exempted are *printed wiring board laminates*, electronic components and all kinds of cable insulation.

2. The Tablet computer shall not contain PBB, PBDE and HBCDD.

**Note:** This applies to components, parts and raw materials in all assemblies and sub-assemblies of the product e.g. batteries, paint, surface treatment, plastics and electronic components.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s)
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date	..... Company

### **A.6.4.3 Non-halogenated substances**

#### **Background**

The purpose of this mandate is to increase the knowledge of substances with regards to their human and environmental impacts and to drive a shift towards less hazardous alternatives. These substances may be problematic in the manufacturing and end of life phase where workers or the environment can get exposed and can also migrate from the products during the use phase with unknown health effects as a result.

The mandate uses the hazard assessment and decision logic framework called GreenScreen™ for Safer Chemicals developed by the non-profit organization Clean Production Action (CPA). The GreenScreen methodology can be used for identifying substances of high concern and safer alternatives.

The GreenScreen criteria are in line with international standards and regulations including the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), OECD testing protocols and the European REACH Regulation. The U.S. EPA's Design for Environment (DfE) Alternatives Assessment is also an important influence on the GreenScreen™ for Safer Chemicals.

#### **Definitions**

*Plastic parts* are parts made mainly of plastics, e.g. the housing. Parts containing other materials in any significant amounts, e.g. cables with metal conductors, are not included in the definition.

*Printed wiring board laminate* is a printed board that provides point-to-point connections but not printed components in a predetermined configuration on a common base.

*Licensed Profilers* are organisations approved by CPA with the capacity to provide GreenScreen assessments.

*Accepted substances* are considered the most sustainable alternatives which are possible for the industry to use, also taking into consideration aspects such as availability and functionality. Accepted substances are found on the TCO Development website under "*Accepted Substances list*".

#### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

#### **Clarification**

[B.6.4.3](#)

**Mandate A.6.4.3:**

Non halogenated flame retardants used in plastic parts that weigh more than 25 grams shall be on the publically available Accepted Substance List for TCO Certified. This means that the substance has been assessed by a licensed profiler according to GreenScreen™ and been assigned a benchmark score  $\geq 2$

The following acceptance decisions apply to substances given Benchmarks 4, 3, 2, 1 or designated U (undefined):

4: Accepted – (Few concerns)

3: Accepted – (Slight concern)

2: Accepted – (Moderate concern)

1: Not accepted - (High concern)

U: Not accepted - (Unspecified)

All substances of a flame retardant mixture shall be accounted for. Non-accepted components shall not exceed concentration levels of 0.1% by weight of the flame retardant.

Exempted are *printed wiring board laminates*, electronic components and all kinds of cable insulation.

A grace period for the above may be granted, see B.6.4.3 for rules

TCO Development will conduct spot-checks and require full disclosure of the flame retardants, including CAS number, used in the product to verify that the obligations according to this mandate are fulfilled.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name

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Model name(s)

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Signature

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Name and title in block capitals

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Date

.....  
Company

#### A.6.4.4 Halogenated plastics

##### Background

PVC is by far the most common halogen containing plastic. There are however other plastics that contain halogens in the plastic itself. Halogens are problematic from both a health and environmental perspective throughout the product life cycle and should be phased out.

##### Definitions

*Plastic parts* are parts made mainly of plastics, e.g. the housing. Parts containing other materials in any significant amounts, e.g. cables with metal conductors, are not included in the definition.

*Printed wiring board laminate* is a printed board that provides point-to-point connections but not printed components in a predetermined configuration on a common base.

*Halogens* are a group of five chemically related non-metallic elements in the Periodic Table; fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine and astatine.

##### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

##### References

54 and 58.

##### Mandate A.6.4.4:

***Plastic parts*** in the Tablet computer weighing more than 25 grams shall not contain intentionally added halogens as a part of the polymer.

**Note:** *Printed wiring board laminates*, and all kinds of internal and external cable insulation are not considered to be part of *plastic parts* and are therefore not included in the mandate.

##### Submit the following to an approved verifier:

A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

##### Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s)
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date	..... Company

#### A.6.4.5 Phthalates

##### Background

Phthalates are substances mainly used as plasticizers. The substances restricted in the mandate are listed as Substances of Very High Concern and are included in REACH Annex XIV classified as toxic to reproduction. These substances are problematic from both a health and environmental perspective throughout the product life cycle and should be phased out.

##### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

##### Clarification

[B.6.4.5](#)

##### References

17, 21, 63, 64, 65 and 66

##### Mandate A.6.4.5:

The Tablet computer shall not contain Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), Dibutyl phthalate (DBP), and Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP). No parts of the product are exempted.

##### Submit the following to an approved verifier:

A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

##### Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name	Model name(s)
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Signature	Name and title in block capitals
.....	.....
Date	Company

#### A.6.4.6 Hazardous substances in product packaging

##### Background

Packaging constitutes a well-known environmental problem and is regulated in many countries worldwide. Packaging material has a short lifetime and generates large volumes of waste.

There are three main areas of concern, content of hazardous substances, use of resources and transport volume. These banned substances are problematic from both a health and environmental perspective throughout the package life cycle and should be phased out.

##### Applicability

All packaging material.

##### Clarification

[B.6.4.6](#)

##### References

62.

##### Mandate A.6.4.6:

The packaging material shall not contain lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg) or hexavalent chromium (Cr6).

Plastic packaging material shall not contain organically bound halogens.

##### Submit the following to an approved verifier:

A written guarantee that the mandate above is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

##### Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name

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Model name(s)

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Signature

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Name and title in block capitals

.....  
Date

.....  
Company



## A.6.5 Material Resource Efficiency

### A.6.5.1 Lifetime extension

#### Background

A longer product lifetime makes a significant positive contribution to more efficient resource use as well as the reduction of air and water pollution. A pre-condition for prolonged lifetime is that the product is of high quality, which is supported by good warranties. Another requirement is the availability of spare parts for a number of years once the product is taken out of production. During this period, products should, where possible, be repaired and not replaced.

#### Definitions

*Brand owner*: The company or organization owning or controlling the *Brand Name*.

*Brand Name*: The name or sign, including but not limited to a trademark or company name, used to identify, amongst users and customers, the manufacturer or seller of a product.

*Product Warranty* is a period where the Brand owner offers to repair or replace broken products during a period of time at no charge.

*Spare parts* are those parts that have the potential to fail during normal use of the product. Product parts whose life cycle usually exceeds the average usual life of the product need not be provisioned as spare parts. When the cost for replacing a broken part (e.g. panel) exceeds the cost of replacing the whole product, then that part need not be considered as a spare part under this mandate.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Life Cycle Phases



#### Clarification

[B.6.5.1](#)

**Mandate A.6.5.1:**

1. The *brand owner* shall provide a *product warranty* for at least one year on all markets where the product is sold.
2. The *brand owner* shall guarantee the availability of *spare parts* for at least three years from the time that production ceases. Instructions on how to replace these parts shall be available to professionals upon request.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the *brand owner* company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s) or “All products”
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date (Declaration valid 1 year from date)	..... Brand Owner Company

## A.6.6 End of life

### A.6.6.1 Material coding of plastics

#### Background

Prolonging the life of IT-products by reuse is the best way to minimize the environmental impact of IT-products. But when this is no longer possible it is important to facilitate material recycling of the products. Material coding of plastics aims at making the recycling of plastics easier so that the plastic can be used in new IT equipment.

#### Definitions

*Plastic parts* are parts made mainly of plastics, e.g. the housing. Parts containing other materials in any significant amounts, e.g. cables with metal conductors, are not included in the definition.

*Printed wiring board laminate* is a printed board that provides point-to-point connections but not printed components in a predetermined configuration on a common base.

#### Applicability

All Tablet computers.

#### Life Cycle Phase



#### Clarification

[B.6.6.1](#)

#### References

56, 59 and 60.

**Mandate A.6.6.1:**

Plastic parts weighing more than 25 grams shall be material coded in accordance with ISO 11469 and ISO 1043-1, -2, -3, -4.

Exempted are *printed wiring board laminates*.

**The following information shall be submitted to an approved verifier:**

A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the applicant company.

**The following information shall be submitted with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name

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Model name(s)

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Signature

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Name and title in block capitals

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Date

.....  
Company

#### **A.6.6.2 Take back system**

##### **Background**

The amount of electronic waste in the world today is enormous and a growing environmental problem. It is important that manufacturers provide mechanisms to take back their equipment at end-of-life under the principle of individual producer responsibility wherein each manufacturer must be financially responsible for managing its own branded products at end-of-life. Currently much electronic waste is being exported to developing countries where it is managed unsustainably and disproportionately burdens those regions with this global environmental problem. The Basel Convention and its decisions govern the export of many types of electronic waste, however it is not properly implemented in all countries. With this mandate TCO Development aims to influence the expansion of better electronic waste management practices to more countries.

##### **Definition**

*Brand owner* is the company that owns the brand name visible on the product.

*Take back system* is a system that makes sure that the customer can return used products to be recycled. The system can be with or without a fee.

*Environmentally acceptable recycling methods* are:

- Product and component reuse
- Material recycling with secured handling of hazardous chemicals and heavy metals
- Pollution-controlled energy recovery of parts of the product

##### **Applicability**

All Tablet computers.

##### **Clarification**

[B.6.6.2](#)

##### **References**

61.

**Mandate A.6.6.2:**

The *brand owner* (or its representative, associated company or affiliate) shall offer their customers the option to return used products for *environmentally acceptable recycling methods* in at least one market where the product is sold and where electronics take back regulation is not in practice at the date of application.

**The following information shall be submitted to an approved verifier:**

The information stated in the list below shall be submitted and the guarantee signed by the responsible person at the *brand owner* company.

**The following information shall be submitted with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

The requirement can be fulfilled by one of the following options (to be verified):

- ☐ 1. Product only sold on markets with WEEE legislation or similar
- ☐ 2. World-wide product take back\*
- ☐ 3. Take back is offered on one additional market where the product is sold and lacks WEEE legislation\*  
Name of market.....

\*The brand owner shall also submit a short description, to an approved eco-verifier, of the take back system or reference to the representative, associated company or affiliate taking care of the take-back system

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s) or “All products”
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date (Declaration valid 1 year from date)	..... Brand Owner Company

### A.6.6.3 Preparation for recycling of product packaging material

#### Background

Packaging constitutes a well-known environmental problem and is regulated in many countries worldwide. Packaging material has a short lifetime and generates large volumes of waste.

There are three main areas of concern; hazardous substance content,, use of resources and transport volume.

#### Applicability

All packaging material.

#### Definition

*Brand owner* is the company that owns the brand name visible on the product.

#### Mandate A.6.6.3:

**Non-reusable packaging components weighing more than 25 grams shall be possible to separate into single material types without the use of tools.**

**Exempted is reusable packaging.**

**The following information shall be submitted to an approved verifier:**

**A written guarantee that the mandate above is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the *brand owner* company.**

**The following information shall be submitted with the application to TCO Development:**

**A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.**

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s) or “All products”
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date (Declaration valid 1 year from date)	..... Brand Owner Company

## DECLARATION FORM FOR TCO CERTIFIED TABLETS 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

### *Applicant company*

*By signing this Declaration Form the Company confirms that the Company has read and accepts to be bound by the below listed environmental requirements as stated in this criteria document. The signature of this form is to be considered equal to a signature under each of the below listed individual mandates in this criteria document. The text in this form is compressed to save space so please make sure to read the full explanation under each mandate. Check the boxes for the documents that have been attached to this form.*

- A.1.1 TCO Certified Document
- A.6.1 Product description
  - ☐ Completed product declaration form
  - ☐ Copy of the marking label for Tablet computer and external power supply
- A.6.2.1 Environmental management system certification
  - ☐ Addresses of manufacturing plants
  - ☐ Valid EMAS certificate or ISO 14001 certificate
- A.6.4.1 Cadmium, mercury, lead and hexavalent chromium
- A.6.4.2 Halogenated substances
- A.6.4.3 Non-halogenated substances
- A.6.4.4 Halogenated plastics
- A.6.4.5 Phthalates
- A.6.4.6 Hazardous substances in product packaging
- A.6.6.1 Material coding of plastics
- A.6.6.3 Preparation for recycling of product packaging material

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

..... Product brand name	..... Model name(s)
..... Signature	..... Name and title in block capitals
..... Date	..... Company



## DECLARATION FORM FOR TCO CERTIFIED TABLETS 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

### *Brand owner*

*By signing this Declaration Form the Company confirms that the Company has read and accepts to be bound by the below listed environmental requirements as stated in this criteria document. The signature of this form is to be considered equal to a signature under each of the below listed individual mandates in this criteria document. The text in this form is compressed to save space so please make sure to read the full explanation under each mandate. Check the boxes for the documents that have been attached to this form.*

A.6.5.1 Lifetime extension

A.6.6.2 Take back system

☐ 1. Product only sold on markets with WEEE legislation or similar

☐ 2. World-wide product take back\*

☐ 3. One additional market lacking WEEE legislation where product take back is offered\*

\* ☐ Short description or reference of the above

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name

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Model name(s) or “All products”

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Signature

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Name and title in block capitals

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Date (Declaration valid 1 year from date)

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Company

## A.7 Socially responsible manufacturing

Shorter product cycles and growing demand for new technologies put increasing pressure on industry and its complex supply chain to deliver new devices faster and at a low cost. The result is often inadequate working conditions at manufacturing facilities, long working hours, low wages and a lack of health and safety measures.

TCO Development aims for greater brand engagement throughout the supply chain by setting criteria and verification routines that create strict social policies toward suppliers, as well as factory audit structures and an open dialog within the IT industry.

### Life Cycle Phase



## **A.7.1 Supply chain responsibility**

### **Background**

It is TCO Development's opinion that codes of conduct and factory audits are currently the tools that are most practical to help the majority of brands to work with socially responsible manufacturing in a structured way. It is also TCO Development's opinion that these tools are improving the situation incrementally as long as they are used in the correct and committed way by the brand.

The contribution of TCO Certified is:

- TCO Certified defines a minimum level of the Brand owner's code of conduct.
- TCO Certified is a control system to ensure that the brand takes the responsibility and works in a structured way in accordance with their code of conduct.
- TCO Certified creates an incentive for Brand owners to work proactively.

### **Definitions**

*Brand owner:* The company or organization owning or controlling the brand name.

*First tier manufacturing facility:* Manufacturing plant where the final assembly of the TCO Certified product is taking place.

*Corrective action plan:* A list of actions and an associated timetable detailing the remedial process to address a specific problem

### **Applicability**

The Brand owner.

### **Clarification**

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### **References**

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**Mandate A.7.1:**

By signing this mandate the Brand owner agrees to the (1. Commitment) and agrees to conduct the (2. Structured work). Additionally TCO Development requires that the Brand owner show (3. Proof) of the commitment and the structured work by allowing random inspections, by sharing audit reports and corrective action plans and by providing other documented proof described below.

**1. Commitment:**

The *Brand owner* shall have a code of conduct that is considered consistent with the following in the manufacturing of TCO Certified products:

- ILO eight core conventions: 29, 87\*, 98\*, 100, 105, 111, 138 and 182.
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 32.
- Relevant local and national Health & Safety and Labour laws effective in the country of manufacture.

\*In situations with legal restrictions on the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining, non-management workers must be permitted to freely elect their own worker representative(s) (ILO Convention 135 and Recommendation 143).

**2. Structured work:**

- The Brand owner shall ensure that routines are in place to implement and monitor their code of conduct in the manufacturing of TCO Certified products.
- In the final assembly factories the Brand owner shall ensure the implementation of their code of conduct through factory audits.
- In the final assembly factories and in the rest of the supply chain the Brand owner shall ensure that a corrective action plan is developed and fulfilled within reasonable time for all violations against their code of conduct that the Brand owner is made aware of.

**3. Proof:**

- TCO Development may conduct/commission random factory inspections (spot-checks) at any final assembly factory manufacturing TCO Certified products for the Brand owner and may require full audit reports during the certification period in order to assess social commitment and advancement.
- TCO Development may also require seeing corrective action plans and auditing reports from factories further down the supply chain to ensure that corrective actions have been successfully implemented.
- TCO Development additionally requires the documentation below to be verified by a third party approved verifier.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

The Brand owner shall submit all of the following as proof of their commitment and structured work:

1. The Brand owner shall submit their code of conduct, which must be considered consistent with the criteria under 1. Commitment.
2. The Brand owner shall annually submit proof that management and workers at all final assembly factories manufacturing TCO Certified products have been informed about the Brand owner's code of conduct.
3. The Brand owner shall annually submit a list of all final assembly factories manufacturing TCO Certified products. This list shall include the dates of the most recent social audits covering the Brand owner's code of conduct and the dates of planned audits for each factory. The list shall show that all factories have or will be audited at least once over a 3-year period.
4. The Brand owner shall annually submit for review one third party audit report from one final assembly factory manufacturing TCO Certified products to demonstrate that the audits are conducted in a serious manner. The audit report shall at least cover the criteria in A.7.1 of TCO Certified and be of equal quality as an EICC audit. It shall not be more than 12 months old.
5. The Brand owner shall submit a corrective action plan for all nonconformities against A.7.1 of TCO Certified found in the submitted third party factory audit..

If this is the first time the *Brand owner* certifies products to this generation of the criteria and time is needed to develop the proof above then the Brand owner can seek a 12 months grace period on the first application. TCO Development reserves the right to deny grace period if the Brand owner is considered a high risk for not meeting the 12 month due date. When seeking grace period an agreement must be completed/signed by the senior management representative at the *Brand owner* company.

**The following information shall be submitted to an approved verifier:**

- A written guarantee that the mandate above is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the *brand owner* company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

- A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee our commitment to fulfilling the mandate.

Product brand name	Model name(s) or "All products"
Signature	Name and title in block capitals
Date (Declaration valid 1 year from date)	Brand Owner Company

## **A.7.2 Senior Management Representative**

### **Background**

It is beneficial to all parties that an open and transparent dialogue between TCO Development and the Brand owner exists for the monitoring of compliance with the criteria or when issues concerning working conditions at manufacturing facilities require clarification. A contact person responsible for the organization's efforts to enforce the socially responsible manufacturing criteria needs to be consistently available for dialogue with TCO Development throughout the validity of the certificate.

### **Applicability**

The Brand owner.

### **Clarification**

[B.7.2](#)

**Mandate A.7.2:**

The Brand owner shall have an appointed Senior Management Representative (SMR) who, irrespective of other responsibilities, has the authority to ensure that the social criteria in the manufacturing of TCO Certified products are met and who reports directly to top management.

- The contact details of the SMR shall be submitted and the SMR shall be available for dialogue in English with TCO Development throughout the validity of all the Brand owners' certificates.
- To ensure that the SMR has the necessary authority and is working in a structured and proactive way implementing the code of conduct, a review of the SMR shall be done every year according to B.7.2.2.

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

1. Name, Title, Telephone Number and Email Address of the SMR.
2. A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the SMR at the Brand owner company.

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

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Business title	
Telephone	
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We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name

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Brand Owner Company

## **A.7.3 Conflict minerals**

### **Background**

The exploitation and trade of the natural resources Tantalum, Tin, Tungsten and Gold (3T+G) from conflict-affected areas is commonly regarded as a major source of conflict financing. TCO Development supports the underlying goal of the EU conflict minerals measures and those contained in the Dodd Frank Act 1502, but believe it is also vital to support in-region responsible sourcing programs in order to help suppliers meet these due diligence requirements, maintain trade and develop mining that directly benefits the people whose livelihoods depend on a legitimate trade. TCO Development now requires all Brand owners who use TCO Certified to address the issue of conflict minerals in their certified products in a progressive and proactive way.

### **Definitions**

*Conflict minerals*: Tantalum, Tin, Tungsten and Gold = 3T+G

*DRC*: Democratic Republic of the Congo

### **Applicability**

The Brand owner.

### **Clarification**

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### **References**

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**Mandate A.7.3:**

The Brand owner shall have a public conflict minerals policy and also indicate all the initiatives they are using/funding. It is TCO Developments opinion that the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chain of Conflict-Affected or High-risk Areas is the most ambitious approach in the list.

At least one of the following options shall be marked:

- ☐ A Due Diligence process based on the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected or High-risk Areas
- ☐ iTSCi (International Tin Research Institute (ITRI) Tin Supply Chain Initiative).
- ☐ CFTI (Conflict-free Tin Initiative).
- ☐ PPA (The Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade).
- ☐ Other relevant DRC in-region initiative:.....
- ☐ CFSI (EICC/GeSi Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative).

**Submit the following to an approved verifier:**

- 1 The completed TCO Certified Conflict Minerals Questionnaire and supporting documents
- 2 A written guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled. The guarantee shall be signed by the responsible person at the Brand owner company

**Submit the following together with the application to TCO Development:**

A copy of a verification report from a verifier approved by TCO Development.

We hereby guarantee that the above mandate is fulfilled.

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Product brand name

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Model name(s) or “All products”

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Signature

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Brand Owner Company

## R References

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  - EBU, European Broadcasting Union, [http://www.ebu.ch/tech\\_info.html](http://www.ebu.ch/tech_info.html)
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## **B Test Methods and clarifications**

The following definitions, test conditions, requested specifications from clients, and other information apply to the test methods described in this document.

Test results are valid only for the presentation form(s) and configuration(s) tested.

### **B.0 General test conditions**

#### **B.0.1 Definition of a test object**

- Test objects covered by this document are Tablet computers with visual displays with fixed positions of the pixels.
- A test object with all necessary information for its operation shall be delivered to the test facility in test ready condition including any required accessories. All necessary information about how to operate and adjust the test object shall be provided.
- The performance of the test object shall in all aspects be fully in accordance with the performance of the final product.
- The client shall inform the test facility if any anti-aliasing is used for the Tablet computer. The anti-aliasing can arbitrarily influence the results, causing test facilities to question the results.

#### **B.0.2 Required test object information**

The client shall specify:

- Name(s), type designation(s) and manufacturer for all different exchangeable parts of the test object.
- Display resolution of the Tablet computer display and the vertical and horizontal frequencies for testing.
- Name, type designation and manufacturer of the graphics card. This information shall be written in the test report.

#### **B.0.3 Conditions for the equipment under test**

- The Tablet computer being tested shall be physically prepared for testing and shall be warmed up for at least 30 min or until it is stabilised. The test engineer shall not need to wait for more than 1 hour for the display to be stable. In these cases the engineer may cancel the test and demand a replacement sample
- The Tablet computer screen surface shall be clean when tested.
- The Tablet computer shall be tested under nominal conditions of input voltage, current, etc. If sold on different markets, one setup shall be chosen by the manufacturer which shall represent the conditions of the country in where it will be sold the most.

- The Tablet computer shall be tested with a fully charged battery and be plugged into mains during all tests, unless otherwise specified in the test methods.
- The Tablet computer shall be tested without load on any peripheral interface such as USB, firewire or network hub, memory card slot, loudspeakers or similar unless otherwise stated by the test procedure.

#### **B.0.4 Tablet computer alignment for testing**

The Tablet computer display front shall be aligned vertically with the possibility to rotate the display  $\pm 30^\circ$  around a vertical axis through the centre-point of the display front. It shall also be possible to rotate the screen forwards and backwards  $\pm 30^\circ$  around a horizontal axis through the same centre-point.

#### **B.0.5 Instruments used for testing**

All instruments used for testing of a Tablet computer shall be of good quality and validated by a recent test certificate from a certified testing facility. Any necessary instrument calibration shall be done before the tests are performed. Calibrations shall be traceable to national standards.

#### **B.0.6 Settings of the Tablet computer**

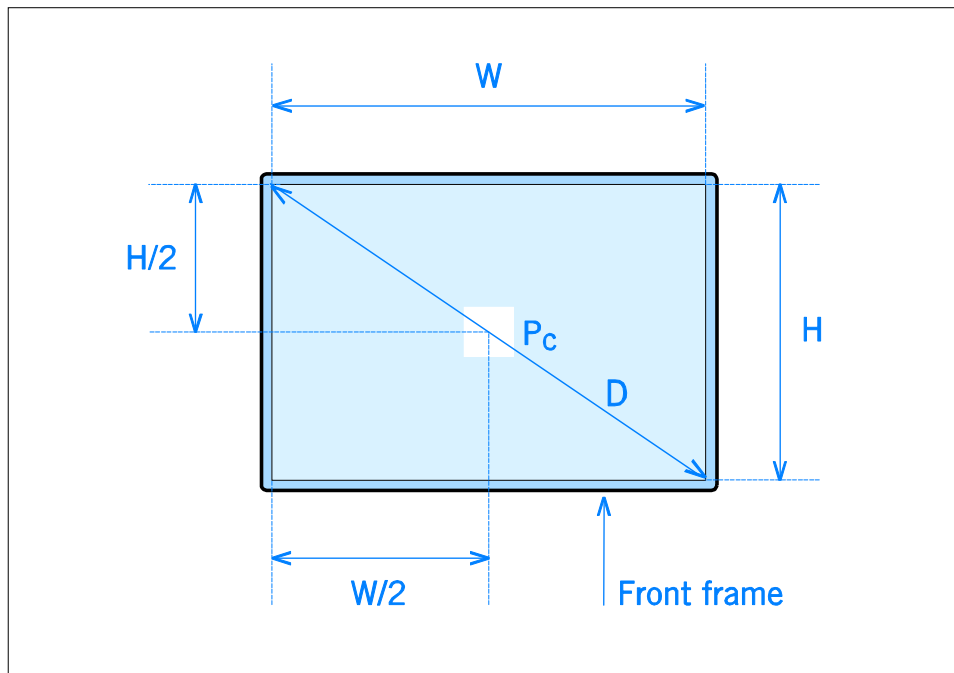
- If present, the standard controls of the Tablet computer shall be used to configure and adjust the display, e.g. brightness, contrast, correlated colour temperature.
- If possible the Tablet resolution shall be set to the native resolution and be used for all test parameters.
- The measurement shall be taken with the Tablet computer in default CCT. If no default CCT is given or available the colour temperature presented by the recall function (or equivalent function) in the OSD (On Screen Display). If no OSD exists the default CCT on start-up shall be used
- All measurements shall be taken with no adjustments made between the measurements, if not otherwise specified in the test methods.
- An external control unit that is not a standard part of the Tablet computer is not allowed.
- The colour depth (6 or 8 bits per colour channel) of the testing program shall be at least as high as for the sample tested.
- The operating system most likely to be used by an end user should be used for testing. All settings in the operating system shall be the default ones as delivered to the end user or the default as it appears directly after the installation of the operating system.
- Integrated automatic sensors and any eco-mode functions enabled by default on the display shall be disabled by the test engineer for all the tests, as long as by doing so the default CCT setting does not change.

## B.0.7 Test image/test character

- All test images can be found on the home page of TCO Development, [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com).
- A possibility is to use a testing program that shall consist of software commonly used in office and home computer work. The Microsoft word processor should be able to produce the text and graphics required for the test procedures.
- All parts of the tests for a test object shall be conducted using the same font, character size, correlated colour temperature, resolution, operating system and other settings of the Tablet computer controls etc., unless otherwise stated in the test procedure.

## B.0.8 Test Image and Test Luminance setting

The test image in Figure B.0.8.1, referred to as the TCO Certified default test image, has an 80 % image loading. The test image shall fill the whole usable screen that represents the “full screen mode” for photo viewing or movies. If a toolbar always consumes a part of the screen during “full screen” photo viewing and movies then the toolbar may also consume a part of the screen during test. This image shall be used for testing unless otherwise specified in the test procedure.



**Figure B.0.8.1. The TCO Certified default test image.**

Procedure:

- The background colour shall be set to RGB 204, 204, 204 (i.e. equal to 80 % image loading).



- An active white square at the centre of the display shall be  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  in size and have an RGB setting of 255, 255, 255. The  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  corresponds to an area of about 34.9 mm x 34.9 mm at a measuring distance of 500 mm or 69.8 mm x 69.8 mm at 1 meter. For a 15" display measured at 57 cm, the  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  corresponds to a square of 40 mm x 40 mm.

**Test Luminance setting:**

- The luminance of the Tablet computer shall be adjusted to  $\geq 125 \text{ cd/m}^2$ . Test luminance shall be as close to, but never  $< 125 \text{ cd/m}^2$ . To achieve an acceptable image quality proceed as follows:  
Use the TCO Certified default test image with an 18-step grey scale pattern (see Figure B.2.2.1) presented on the display at the default CCT setting. The controls of brightness and contrast, if available, shall be adjusted to get the best visual performance of the pattern at the test luminance level. The contrast shall be left at the default setting. The brightness control shall be adjusted to set the display luminance at  $\geq 125 \text{ cd/m}^2$ . If the possibility of backlight adjustment exists, it shall not be used unless specified by the manufacturer. The aim is to get the 18-step grey scale pattern optimised so that at least 15/18 greyscales are visible at the test luminance level. If greyscale quality is not acceptable it may be improved by changing the contrast setting if available. The evaluation of attaining at least 15 of the steps in the 18-step greyscale shall be carried out orthogonally to the screen surface

## **B.0.9 Test report**

The test results are valid only for the presentation form(s) and configuration(s) tested. If other configurations are accepted by the test facility based on the results of the tested ones it shall be clearly specified in the test report that these configurations have not been tested.

The test report shall include the following information:

- Any changes to the test methods.
- The manufacturer, brand name, model type and serial number (if available).
- The panel brand, full panel number.
- The mode(s) (i.e. horizontal and vertical scan frequency and resolution) used during the test and the aspect ratio.
- The supply voltage and frequency used during the test and what CLASS the product is (CLASS I, CLASS II or CLASS III). If CLASS III the external power supply brand, model number and class shall also be stated.
- The degree of uncertainty for each given measurement result.
- If present, the setting of contrast, brightness and CCT pre-set used during the test.
- Photographs of the product showing: Front, rear, open panel, a legible panel marking plate and the external power supply with legible marking plate.



## **B.1 General information**

### **B.1.1 Information to end users**

The TCO Certified Document shall accompany the product as provided by TCO Development. No editorial changes without TCO Development's consent are accepted. The Document is available at [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com).

If the product that is to be TCO Certified is branded differently from the applicant name, the applicant company signing the guarantee shall be sure that the brand owner agrees with the requirement.

Compliance is through one of the following options:

1. Separate printed document  
The TCO Certified Document is placed in the packaging and accompanies the product to the end user
2. In the user manual or a digital file  
The TCO Certified Document is placed in the user manual or a digital file and accompanies the product to the end user. The TCO Certified Document shall be printed under a headline for TCO Certified. This headline shall be visible in the table of contents of the user manual or digital file.  
The TCO Document must be separated from other text portions of the user manual or digital file so that it is obvious that the TCO Document is not accountable for the content of any other texts.
3. On the brand owner web site.  
A direct link to the TCO Certified Document on the brand owner's web page is placed in the user manual or digital file and accompanies the product to the end user. There shall be a headline for TCO Certified in the user manual or digital file. This headline shall be visible in the table of contents. With this headline there shall be a direct link to the TCO Certified document on the brand owner's website. Also accepted are TCO logos or icons that redirect the visitor by a link to the TCO Certified Document

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## B.2 Visual ergonomics

### B.2.0 General test conditions for visual ergonomics

#### B.2.0.1 Basic test requirements

As described in section B.0.

For all tests, the Tablet computer screen shall be clean.

#### B.2.0.2 Photometric test facility general requirements

Photometric measurements shall be performed under darkroom conditions. This means that measurement data shall in no way be affected by direct light from sources or light reflected from interiors, equipment, clothes etc.

The test facility shall have a routine for the control of the stray-light level at the Tablet computer screen (see also B.2.0.6).

#### B.2.0.3 Power supply and test room climate requirements for testing

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • AC mains voltage*     | 230 VAC RMS, tolerance $\leq 1 \%$  |
| • AC mains frequency*   | 50 Hz, tolerance $\leq 2 \%$        |
| • Test room temperature | $23 \pm 3 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| • Humidity              | 20-75 % RH (non condensing)         |

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\* – or other voltage and frequency combination specified by the client.

#### B.2.0.4 Photometric and spectrometric measurements

Several instruments are to be used when carrying out measurements for visual ergonomics. All instruments shall be recently calibrated and carry a calibration certificate from a certified test facility.

The following instrument types are to be used for testing:

- **Luminance meter.** A luminance meter shall have a sufficiently good  $V(\lambda)$ -sensitivity (Requirements for luminance meters are covered by CIE Publication 69 (1987). Luminance meters of CIE Class L(aboratory) with a combined performance characteristic  $\leq 3 \%$  shall be used.) and integrate luminance over a finite measuring field during a finite time. The meter shall be equipped with adjustable optics and always be focused on the measured area. The luminance meter must incorporate a sufficiently long time constant of integration in order to ensure averaging of the pulsation of the light emitted by Tablet computers. The sensitivity shall be independent of the polarization of the measured light (often referred to as  $f_8$  error).

The luminance meter measuring field shall be one degree for all measurements, except for the micro-photometric luminance measurements, see below.

An automated instrument using collimating optics may be used for testing although the measurement area will differ somewhat from the area covered by

the luminance meter. When the luminance measurement in this case is done at a shorter distance than  $1.5 \times$  the display diagonal (D) because of instrumental constraints, the test facility shall verify that the results are equal to those done at  $1.5 \times D$  or (400mm if  $1.5 \times D < 400\text{mm}$ ).

- **Micro-photometer.** Micro-photometric registration of the luminance distribution of test patterns shall be performed with an array photo detector device capable of resolving structures of 0.02 mm. A scanning device shall not be used because it is sensitive to jitter and other variations that may occur during a scanning.
- **Spectro-radiometer.** An instrument for the measurement of radiant flux as a function of wavelength shall be used. A spectro-radiometer for the measurement of light and colour is normally equipped with a microprocessor that makes it possible to obtain luminance and colour co-ordinates directly from raw measurement data. A spectro-radiometer can replace the luminance meter when suitable. The wavelength resolution shall be  $\leq 4\text{nm}$  for attaining accurate colour measurements. The sensitivity shall be independent of the polarization of the measured light (often referred to as  $f_8$  error).

#### **B.2.0.5 Measurement distance**

All measurements shall be carried out through a point, simulating the eye position of the operator, at a distance of  $1.5 \times$  “diagonal of the screen” from the centre-point of the Tablet screen but no less than 400 mm which could be considered as an absolute minimum viewing distance for comfortable viewing. The instrument shall be focused on the presented test image for all measurements.

#### **B.2.0.6 Stray light**

Stray light may cause errors which can negatively affect measurement of luminance, contrast and chromaticity coordinates. It is therefore necessary to make an evaluation of stray light influence for the different measurement procedures described in this document.

If it is verified that stray light affect the measurement result it is necessary to take actions to eliminate the source of error. Two possible ways to solve the problem are to equip the luminance meter with a well-designed screening attachment, a frustum or to use a black screening sheet at the Tablet screen surface.

#### **B.2.0.7 Overall uncertainty**

The overall uncertainty of the test facility shall be calculated for each measurement procedure in this document and presented in the test report. The uncertainty shall be within the required levels for each criterion. All measurement uncertainties claimed for used instruments shall be referred to traceable calibration reports.

#### **About combining overall uncertainty values during test measurements:**

- Criteria are fulfilled without adding or subtracting the overall measurement uncertainty.

- Report the value shown on the instrument without adding or subtracting the overall measurement uncertainty.
- The overall measurement uncertainty of the test facility is printed in the test report together with the reported value.
- For a test facility that has an overall measurement uncertainty higher than the one allowed by TCO Development for a certain criteria, then the test report for that criteria is not valid for TCO certification and the test results will not be accepted by TCO Development.

## B.2.1 Image detail characteristics

### B.2.1.1 Native display resolution requirements

#### B.2.1.1.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing

No specific preparation of the Tablet computer is needed.

#### B.2.1.1.2 Equipment

Calculator and product manual or similar information about the display resolution.

#### B.2.1.1.3 Test method

The maximum resolution and frequencies of the display are found in the manual or similar information from the manufacturer.

#### B.2.1.1.4 Test evaluation

The viewing distance is defined as  $1.5 \times$  the display diagonal, but no less than 400 mm. This means that the mandate is independent of the display size and viewing distance but dependent on the display format. Only the display format needs to be known.

The minimum resolution to fulfil the criteria can be calculated for any display format in the following way:

#### Minimum amount of pixels in the vertical direction

Half the display height at the viewing distance expressed in degrees is:

- $\arctan(\text{width}/2/\text{viewing distance})$

The whole display height expressed in degrees is:

- $2 \times \arctan(\text{width}/2/\text{viewing distance})$

The requirement is 30 pixels/degree which gives the amount of pixels needed in the vertical direction to:

- $30 \times 2 \times \arctan(\text{width}/2/\text{viewing distance})$

#### Example:

For the format 5:4:3 and viewing distance 1.5 this gives the formula:

- $30 \times 2 \times \arctan(4/2/(1.5 \times 5)) = 896 \text{ pixels}$

The principle is the same in the horizontal direction.

For the most common display formats the mandates are:		
Display format	Min amount of horizontal pixels	Min amount of vertical pixels
5:4:3	896	679
18.36:16:9	972	557
6.4:5:4	875	706
18.87:16:10	947	601
Note: Display format is a ratio between [Diagonal : Width : Height]		
For or other aspect ratios the min display resolution shall be calculated.		

#### B.2.1.1.5 Overall uncertainty

Uncertainty is not applicable in this case. Product data information is sufficient.

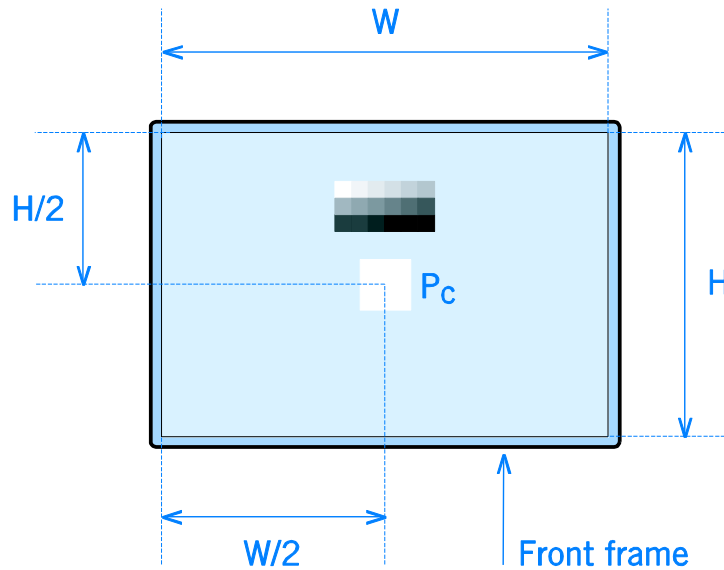
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## B.2.2 Luminance characteristics

### B.2.2.1 Luminance level

#### B.2.2.1.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- The TCO Certified default test image with an 18-step greyscale as shown in Figure B.2.2.1 shall be used for luminance level measurement.



**Figure B.2.2.1. TCO Certified default test image with the 18-step greyscale inserted**

- The measurement position  $P_c$  shall be at the centre of a  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  square without line borders, having an RGB setting of 255, 255, 255, and positioned at the centre of the screen. The background shall be RGB 204, 204, 204.

The following evaluation shall be carried out orthogonally to the screen surface

- To achieve the maximum luminance proceed as follows:  
Use the TCO Certified default test image with an 18-step grey scale pattern presented on the screen. From the default setting, adjust the controls for the display to achieve as high luminance as possible with an acceptable image quality. The image quality is considered acceptable when at least 15 of the 18 greyscale steps are visible. At this maximum luminance, test that the display has a luminance  $\geq 200 \text{ cd/m}^2$ .
- When this test is completed the display shall be adjusted back to the test luminance setting as describe under B.0.8 for all remaining Visual Ergonomic tests. Allow the display to stabilize before other test measurements are made.

**B.2.2.1.2 Equipment**

Luminance meter.

**B.2.2.1.3 Test method**

The luminance at the centre of the white test area shall be measured with the luminance meter directed orthogonally to the test area as described in B.2.0.5.

For the battery mode measurement, the battery shall be fully charged. Disconnect the power supply and wait about 5 minutes to have the screen stabilized before the measurement of the luminance is performed. Re-connect the power supply after the Battery mode test is completed.

**B.2.2.1.4 Test evaluation**

The measured luminance is the required value. The luminance shall be reported with no decimal places.

The measured Luminance, Contrast and Brightness settings shall be noted in the test report. The pre-set CCT in default setting shall also be noted.

**B.2.2.1.5 Overall uncertainty**

$\leq \pm 10\%$  in luminance.

See B.2.0.7.

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## B.2.2.2 Luminance uniformity

### B.2.2.2.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- The entire active area of the screen shall be white and the Tablet computer colour setting shall be RGB 255, 255, 255.

### B.2.2.2.2 Equipment:

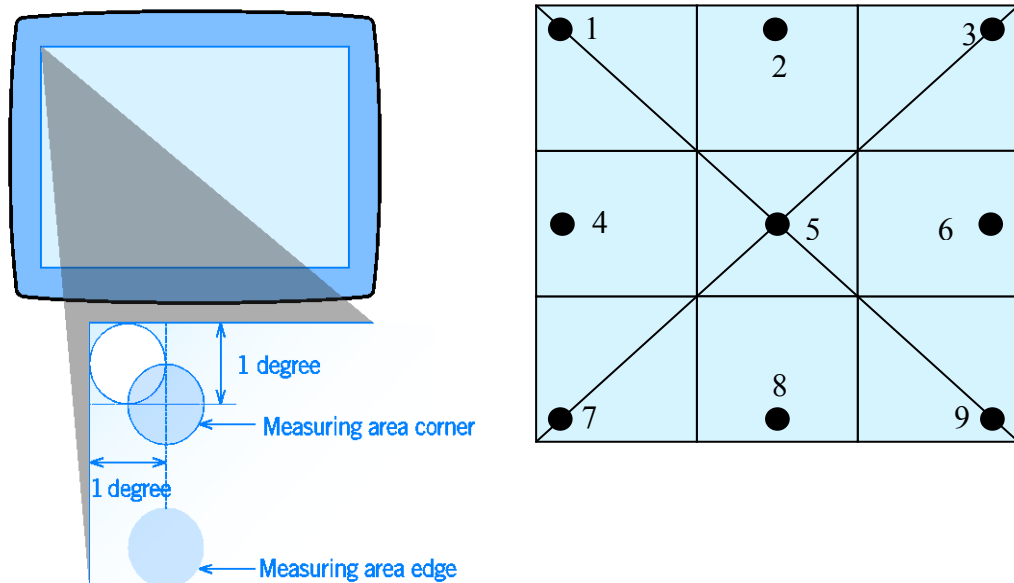
Luminance meter.

### B.2.2.2.3 Test method:

The luminance shall be measured orthogonally to the Tablet screen plane at 9 points. The 4 corner positions (1, 3, 7 and 9) are measured  $1^\circ$  from the edges of the screen as shown in Figure B.2.2.2.1. The 4 side positions (2, 4, 6 and 8) are measured on the middle of the side  $1^\circ$  from the edge. The centre position (5) shall also be measured. This means that all measurement points have  $1/2^\circ$  marginal to the edges if the measurement area of the instrument is  $1^\circ$ .

The luminance uniformity shall also be evaluated visually by the technician in order to find any dark or bright areas except from the 9 default positions. If a significantly bright or dark area is found these measuring points shall also be measured and used to evaluate the luminance uniformity.

The conditions for luminance measurement in the corner positions and the distribution of other measurement points are illustrated in figure B.2.2.2.1



**Figure B.2.2.2.1. Measurement positions for the measurement of luminance and colour uniformity.**

### B.2.2.2.4 Test evaluation

The luminance uniformity shall be reported as the ratio between the highest and the lowest measured luminance values.

The result shall be presented to 2 decimal places.



**B.2.2.2.5 Overall uncertainty**

$\leq \pm 10\%$  in luminance.

$\leq \pm 0.1$  unit in luminance uniformity.

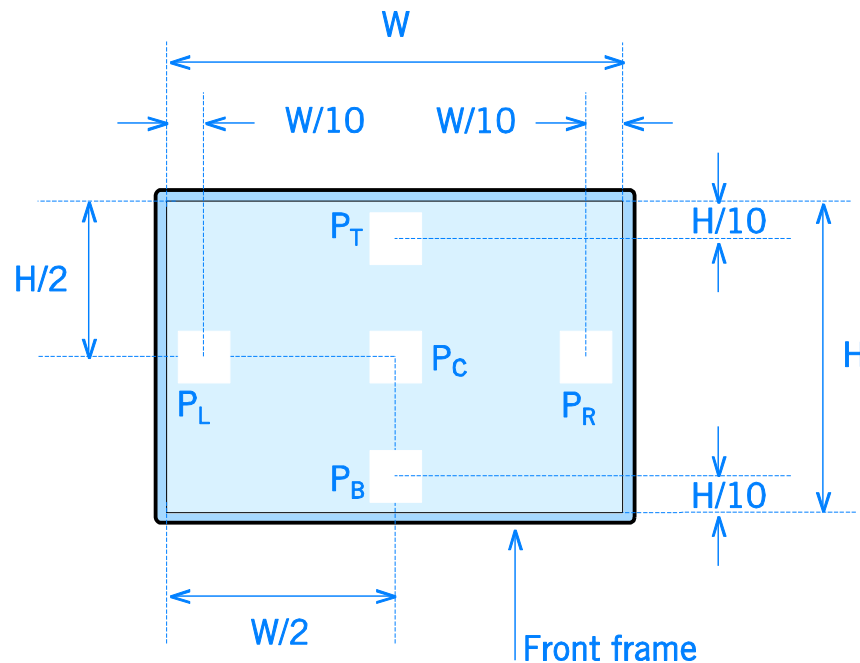
See B.2.0.7.

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### B.2.2.3 Luminance uniformity – angular dependence

#### B.2.2.3.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- Luminance values shall be measured at five different positions on the screen as shown in Figure B.2.2.3.1. Each measurement position shall consist of white RGB 255, 255, 255 squares sized  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  without line borders.
- The background shall be RGB 204, 204, 204.
- The luminance meter shall be positioned and directed orthogonally to the screen centre-point as described in B.2.0.5.



**Figure B.2.2.3.1. Measurement positions for angular dependent luminance uniformity.**

#### B.2.2.3.2 Equipment

Luminance meter.

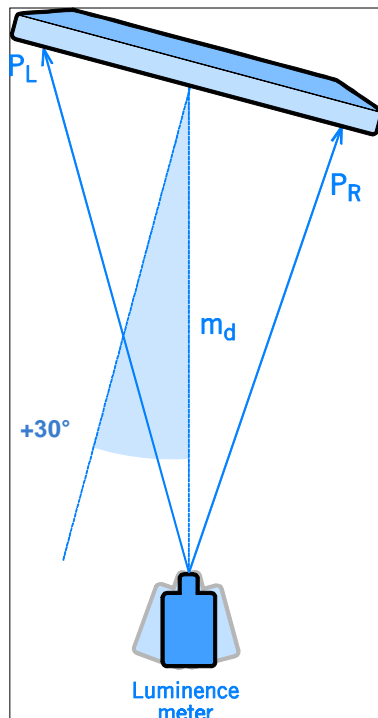
#### B.2.2.3.3 Test method

1. The luminance meter shall always be directed towards a measurement point and rotated around a fixed vertical axis (or horizontal axis for the tilt measurements) through the focal point of its front lens at the distance described in B.2.0.5.
2. In landscape mode the display shall be rotated  $+30$  degrees around a vertical axis through the display centre-point and the luminance at positions  $P_L$  and  $P_R$ , ( $L_{PL/+30/0}$  and  $L_{PR/+30/0}$  respectively) shall be recorded. See Figure B.2.2.3.2.
3. In landscape mode the display shall then be rotated  $-30$  degrees around the vertical axis through the screen centre-point and the luminance at positions  $P_L$  and  $P_R$  ( $L_{PL/-30/0}$  and  $L_{PR/-30/0}$  respectively) shall be recorded. See Figure B.2.2.3.2.
4. In landscape mode the display shall then be tilted  $+30$  degrees backwards around a horizontal axis through the display centre-point and the luminance at positions  $P_T$  and  $P_B$  ( $L_{PT/0/+30}$  and  $L_{PB/0/+30}$  respectively) shall be measured. The result shall be recorded. See Figure B.2.2.3.3.

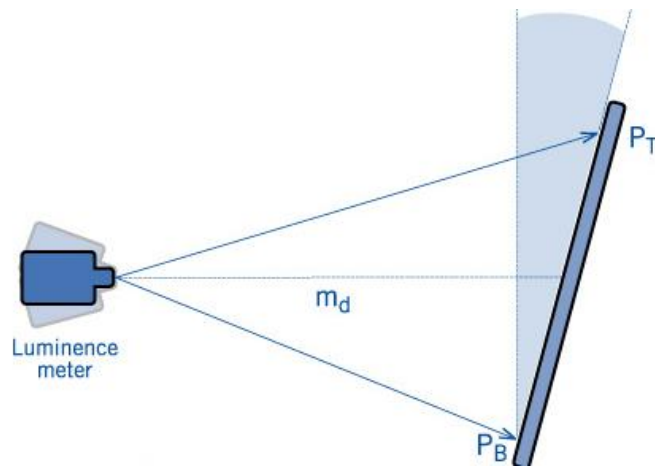
5. In landscape mode the display shall then be tilted -30 degrees around a horizontal axis through the display centre-point and the luminance at positions  $P_T$  and  $P_B$  ( $L_{PT/0/-30}$  and  $L_{PB/0/-30}$  respectively) shall be measured. The result shall be recorded. See Figure B.2.2.3.3.
6. The measurements to be carried out are summarised in Table B.2.2.3.1. The step numbers in the step column are the test method paragraphs

**Table B.2.2.3.1.**

Steps	Landscape mode	Screen rotation	Screen tilt	Measuring points			
				$P_L$	$P_R$	$P_T$	$P_B$
<b>Step 2</b>	Horizontal direction (turned around vertical axis)	+30°	0°	X	X		
<b>Step 3</b>	Horizontal direction (turned around vertical axis)	-30°	0°	X	X		
<b>Step 4</b>	Backwards tilt = (turned around the horizontal axis)	0°	+30°			X	X
<b>Step 5</b>	Forwards tilt = (turned around the horizontal axis)	0°	-30°			X	X



**Figure B.2.2.3.2. Top view of test set-up when the display is rotated  $\pm 30$  degrees. The + rotation is defined clockwise.**



**Figure B.2.2.3.3. Side view of the test set-up when the display is tilted  $+30^\circ$  backwards. The + tilt is defined backwards.**

**B.2.2.3.4 Test evaluation**

The luminance uniformity for angular dependence shall be calculated as follows:  
In landscape mode, for the horizontal direction (turned around the vertical axis) measurement presented in Table B.2.2.3.1 (test step 2 and 3). A ratio between the measured luminances shall be calculated. This ratio, or its inverse if it has a higher value, shall be reported as the requested  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  luminance uniformity in **mandate 1**. The requirement is on the mean value of the two ratios  $+30^\circ$  and  $-30^\circ$ . The result shall be presented to 2 decimal places.

In landscape mode, for the vertical direction (turned around the horizontal axis). Tilt backwards and tilt forwards  $\pm 30^\circ$  test steps 4 and 5. A ratio between the two measured luminances shall be calculated. This ratio, or its inverse if it has a higher value, shall be reported as the requested  $L_{\max}$  to  $L_{\min}$  luminance uniformity in **mandate 2**. The requirement is on the mean value of the two ratios  $+30^\circ$  and  $-30^\circ$ . The result shall be presented to 2 decimal places.

Both **mandate 1** and **mandate 2** results shall be presented in the test report.

**B.2.2.3.5 Overall uncertainty**

$\leq \pm 10\%$  in luminance.

$\leq \pm 0.3^\circ$  in rotation angle.

$\leq \pm 0.1$  unit in luminance uniformity. See B.2.0.7.

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## **B.2.3 Luminance contrast characteristics**

### **B.2.3.1 Luminance contrast – characters**

#### **B.2.3.1.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing**

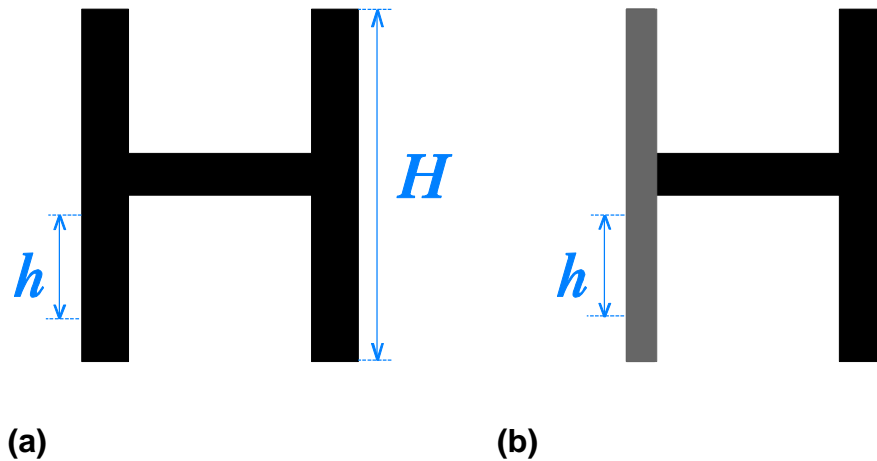
- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- A micro-photometer for luminance measurement shall be aligned orthogonally to the Tablet computer display.
- The test image shall be filled with rows of the regular capital letter “H” in 12 point Arial font.

#### **B.2.3.1.2 Equipment**

A micro-luminance meter such as an array photo detector capable of measuring luminance on structures  $\leq 0.02$  mm. Measurement requirements are given in clause B.2.0.2.

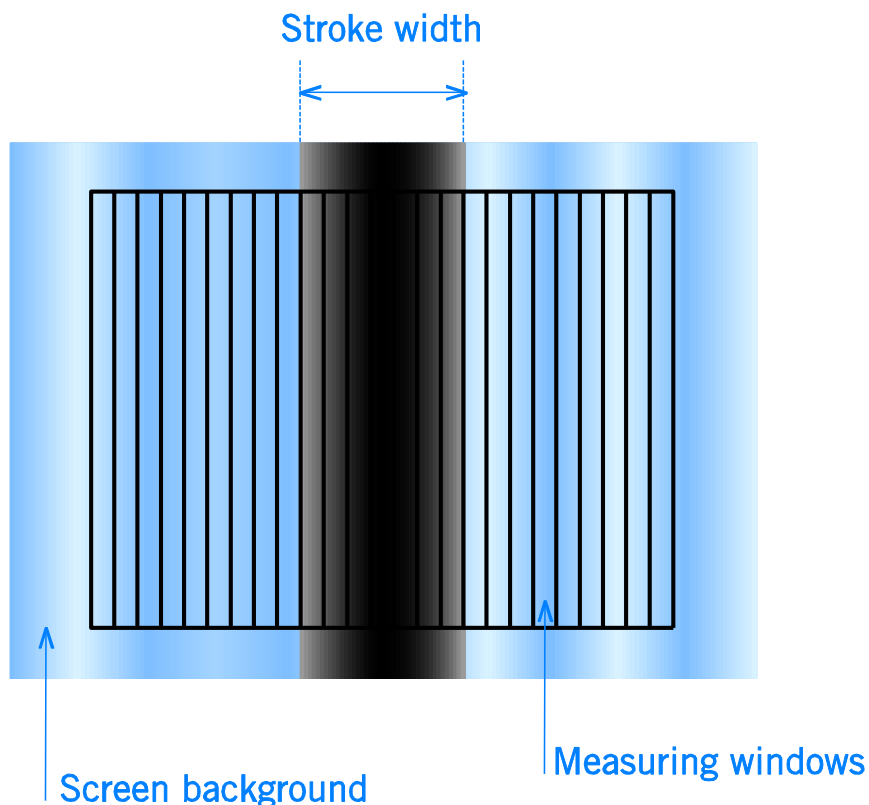
#### **B.2.3.1.3 Test method**

- By visual evaluation of the standard test measurement position the technician shall search for and locate visual stripes, or patches, that clearly influence the contrast of characters or even parts of characters. Once the patches are visually identified as having significantly lower contrast they shall be geometrically referenced from the upper left corner of the active image and measured, see below. If one position is found that does not fulfil the mandate, there is no need to make further measurements.
- With a micro-luminance meter or a luminance scanner the luminance signal of and around a vertical stroke of a capital H of 12 point Arial font shall be measured. The optical axis of the luminance meter shall be aligned with the normal of the display surface at the measuring point. The misalignment between the screen surface normal and the optical axis of the luminance meter shall be less than  $0.3^\circ$ .
- The height ( $h$ ) of the measuring windows shall be  $1/3$  of the actual height ( $H$ ) of the character “H”. The window shall be positioned symmetrically between the horizontal stroke and the lower ending of the vertical stroke (see Figure B.2.3.1.1).



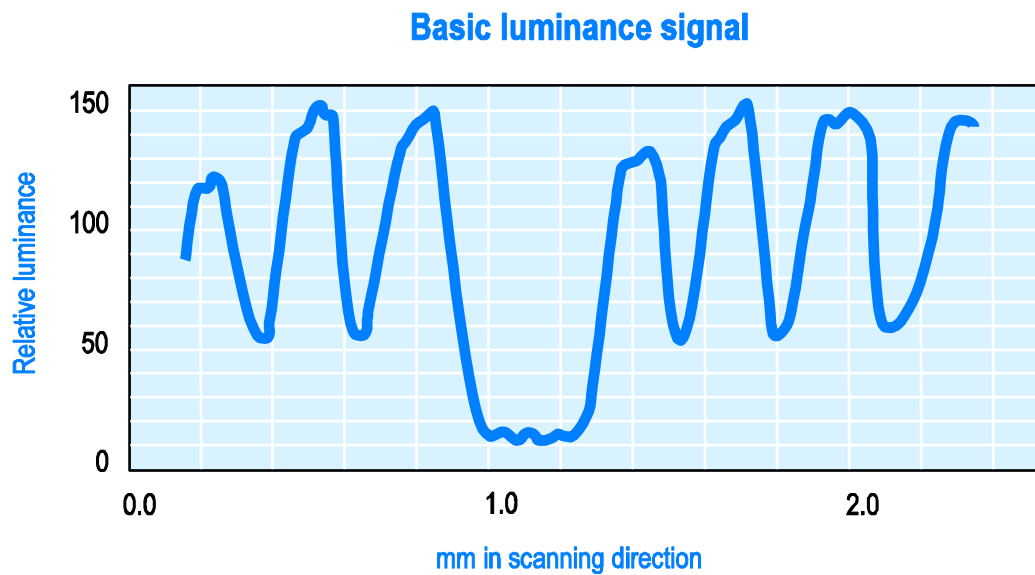
**Figure B.2.3.1.1. Example of one capital “H” with (a) good contrast and one with (b) low contrast due to a paler and thinner left vertical stroke. The measuring window having height  $h$  shall be positioned symmetrically between the horizontal stroke and the lower ending of the vertical stroke of the H.**

- The physical width of each measuring window or the matrix element shall be less or equal to  $1/8$  of the pixel size, but not more than 0.02 mm (cf. Figure B.2.3.1.2).



**Figure B.2.3.1.2. Magnification of the vertical stroke in Figure B.2.3.1.1(a) showing a number of sampling windows.**

- The basic luminance signal scanned from left to right in Figure B.2.3.1.2 could for example be as shown in Figure B.2.3.1.3.



**Figure B.2.3.1.3. Example of a basic luminance signal of a vertical stroke of H.**

#### **B.2.3.1.4 Test evaluation**

- The basic luminance signal received from the micro-luminance meter depends on the resolution (sampling window size) of the sensor and the pixel size of the display. It is likely that the sampling window size differs between test facilities depending on photometer brand.

- The luminance contrast  $C$  shall be calculated using the formula

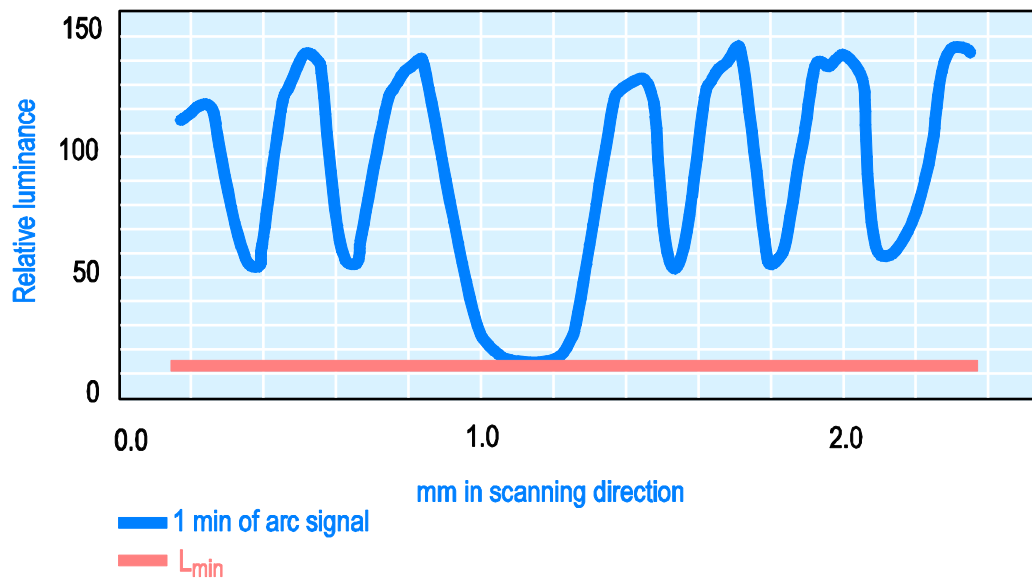
$$C = \frac{L_{\max} - L_{\min}}{L_{\max} + L_{\min}}$$

with the maximum and minimum luminances determined as described below.

- The photometer produces a basic luminance signal, which shall be filtered to a resolution of either 1 or 4 minutes of arc. These filtered signals shall be used for the calculation of  $C$ .
- To find  $L_{\min}$  proceed as follows: The basic luminance signal shall be filtered to correspond to the 1 minute of arc resolution of the human visual system. This is equal to a sampling window size of 0.145 mm at 500 mm viewing distance. The filtering shall be done by applying a moving average to the basic input data. For example, the 1 minute of arc filtering applied to the luminance signal in Figure B.2.3.1.3 gives the signal in Figure B.2.3.1.4.



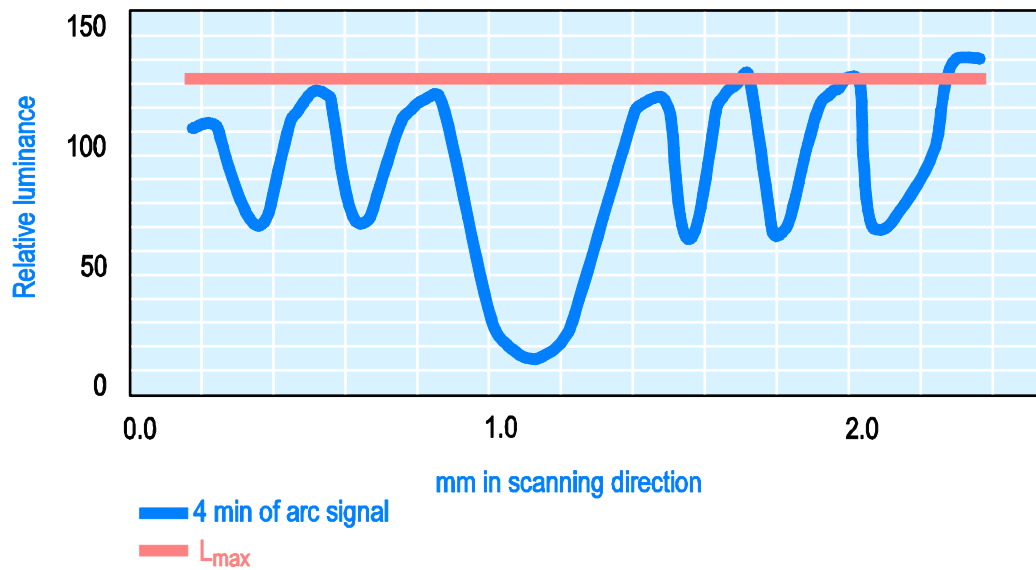
**1 minute of arc filtered luminance signal used for  $L_{min}$  calculation**



**Figure B.2.3.1.4. The luminance signal filtered to 1 minute of arc and showing  $L_{min}$ .**

- The lowest relative luminance in the vertical stroke in the 1 minute of arc signal is  $L_{min}$ .  
(In the example of Figure B.2.3.1.4, the  $L_{min}$  value is 14 cd/m<sup>2</sup>).
- To find  $L_{max}$  proceed as follows: The 4 minute of arc signal filtering shall be obtained by applying a moving average to the 1 minute of arc signal. This corresponds to a more comfortable viewing condition. The filtered luminance signal is shown in Figure B.2.3.1.5.

**4 minutes of arc filtered luminance signal used for  $L_{\max}$  calculation**



**Figure B.2.3.1.5. The 1 minute of arc luminance signal filtered to 4 minutes of arc and showing  $L_{\max}$ .**

- The maximum luminances may be different on the two sides of the H stroke. Select the lower one as  $L_{\max}$ .

(In the example of Figures B.2.3.1.4 and B.2.3.1.5 the luminance is lower on the left side than the right side and thus

$L_{\max} = 127 \text{ cd/m}^2$ . With  $L_{\min} = 14 \text{ cd/m}^2$  the contrast is  $C = (127 - 14) / (127 + 14) = 0.80$ ).

The lowest luminance contrast found shall be reported.

The result shall be presented to 2 decimal places.

**B.2.3.1.5 Overall uncertainty**  
 $\leq \pm 0.05$  in contrast.

See B.2.0.7.

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## **B.2.3.2 Luminance contrast – angular dependence**

### **B.2.3.2.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing**

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- A TCO default test image, as shown in Figure B.0.8.1, shall be used for this measurement.
- The  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  square shall have each of the following RGB settings: (RGB 255, 255, 255) and (RGB 0, 0, 0).

### **B.2.3.2.2 Equipment**

Luminance meter.

### **B.2.3.2.3 Test method**

- The luminance meter shall be positioned and directed orthogonally to the screen centre-point as described in B.2.0.5.
- The Tablet computer display shall then be rotated around a vertical axis through the screen front centre, changing the azimuth angle to  $+30^\circ$ . The luminance of the white square  $L_{W+30}$  and the luminance when the square is black  $L_{B+30}$  at the centres shall be recorded.
- Finally the azimuth angle of the screen shall be changed to  $-30^\circ$  and the new measurements  $L_{W/-30}$  and  $L_{B/-30}$  taken.

### **B.2.3.2.4 Test evaluation**

The luminance contrast values  $C_{+30}$  and  $C_{-30}$  shall be calculated using the formula

$$C = \frac{L_W - L_B}{L_W + L_B}$$

Of  $C_{+30}$  and  $C_{-30}$ , only the lowest value shall be reported as the luminance contrast.

### **B.2.3.2.5 Overall uncertainty**

$\leq \pm 10\%$  in luminance.

$\leq \pm 0.05$  in contrast.

See B.2.0.7.

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## B.2.4 Screen colour characteristics

### B.2.4.1 Correlated colour temperature (CCT) variation

#### B.2.4.1.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- A TCO Certified default test image, as shown in Figure B.0.8.1, shall be used for this measurement.

#### B.2.4.1.2 Equipment

Spectro-radiometer capable of presenting CIE  $u'$  and  $v'$  chromaticity co-ordinates with at least three decimals.

#### B.2.4.1.3 Test method

The spectral properties at the centre of the test square shall be measured with a spectro-radiometer.

The spectral data shall then be processed, which is normally done directly in the instrument microprocessor, to give chromaticity co-ordinates. In this case the CIE co-ordinates  $u'$  and  $v'$  are needed for the test evaluation and are often presented directly by the spectro-radiometer used.

If the client has stated more than two pre-set CCTs, preparation and testing shall be repeated for the additional CCTs.

The following rules shall apply:

- Recommended default CCTs is 6500 K, but the CCT can be anywhere between 5000K and 10000K.
- Only CCTs with exactly specified numerical values have to fulfil the requirements for Pre-set CCTs.
- CCTs lower than 5000 K shall not be tested.

#### B.2.4.1.4 Test evaluation

The measured  $u'_m$  and  $v'_m$  values of the screen for the pre-set CCT and the CIE reference chromaticity co-ordinates  $u'_{CCT}$  and  $v'_{CCT}$  values for the reported CCT shall be used to calculate the colour difference as follows:

$$\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{(u'_{CCT} - u'_m)^2 + (v'_{CCT} - v'_m)^2}$$

This calculation shall be done for all tested pre-set CCTs.

The CIE 1976  $u'$  and  $v'$  reference chromaticity co-ordinates for five common CCTs are given in Table B.2.4.1.1.

**Table B.2.4.1.1**

CCT in K	$u'_{cct}$	$v'_{cct}$
9300	0.1888	0.4457
7500	0.1935	0.4586
6500 (sRGB)	0.1978	0.4684
5500	0.2044	0.4808
5000	0.2091	0.4882

If preset CCTs, other than those given in Table B.2.5.1.1, are used in the test,  $u'_{\text{CCT}}$  and  $v'_{\text{CCT}}$  can be found by using CIE tabulated data or by using CIE formulae presented in CIE Publication 15.2 (1986), Colourimetry, p.11, p. 27-28 and p. 53-54, Table 1.3.

If the spectro-radiometer used can only produce CIE 1931 x and y chromaticity co-ordinates these can be transformed to  $u'$  and  $v'$  chromaticity co-ordinates by using the formulae in the CIE Publication 15.2 mentioned above.

The relevant CIE material – conversion formulae and tabulated data for  $u'_{\text{CCT}}$  and  $v'_{\text{CCT}}$  – can also be found on the TCO Development homepage, [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com). A computer program based on the given equations can be supplied by TCO Development.

The resulting colour difference calculation shall be presented to 3 decimal places. If the Tablet has no Pre-set CCTs then the measured default colour temperature to be stated in the report shall be given in Kelvin (K).

**B.2.4.1.5 Overall uncertainty**  
 $\leq \pm 0.003$  in  $u'$  and  $v'$ .

See B.2.0.7.

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## **B.2.4.2 Colour uniformity**

### **B.2.4.2.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing**

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- The entire active area of the screen shall be white with the Tablet computer's colour setting at RGB 255, 255, 255.

### **B.2.4.2.2 Equipment**

Spectro-radiometer with a capacity to present  $u'$  and  $v'$  co-ordinates with at least 3 decimals.

### **B.2.4.2.3 Test method**

The colour uniformity shall be measured orthogonally to the Tablet computer screen plane at 9 points. The 4 corner positions (1, 3, 7 and 9) are measured  $1^\circ$  from the edges of the screen as shown in Figure B.2.2.2.1. The 4 side positions (2, 4, 6 and 8) are measured on the middle of the side  $1^\circ$  from the edge. Finally the centre position (5) is measured.

The colour uniformity shall also be evaluated visually by the technician in order to find those areas where the colour varies the most except from the 9 default positions. If a significant difference within the  $1^\circ$  from the edge screen area is found these measuring points shall also be measured and used to evaluate the colour uniformity.

The conditions for colour measurement in the corner positions and the distribution of other measurement points are illustrated in Figure B.2.2.2.1.

### **B.2.4.2.4 Test evaluation**

$\Delta u'v'$  in accordance with the CIE (1976) uniform chromaticity scale diagram shall be calculated for each measured position using the formula

$$\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{(u'_A - u'_B)^2 + (v'_A - v'_B)^2}$$

where A and B are the two points found to have the largest colour difference between them.

The largest difference in  $\Delta u'v'$  value shall be reported.

The result shall be presented to 3 decimal places.

(The evaluation procedure is exemplified below

- Make a table of colour chromaticity values for each measured position

Measurement position no.	$u'$	$v'$
1	0.190	0.447
2	0.186	0.441
3	0.186	0.437
-	-	-
-	-	-
n-1	0.185	0.434
N	0.186	0.432
<b>Largest difference</b>	<b>0.005 in this example</b>	<b>0.015 in this example</b>

- The largest  $u'$  difference,  $\Delta u'$ , is 0.005 (between 0.190 and 0.185) at measurement positions 1 and n-1.
- The largest  $v'$  difference,  $\Delta v'$ , is 0.015 (between 0.447 and 0.432) at measurement positions 1 and n.
- Since  $\Delta v'$  (= 0.015) is much larger than  $\Delta u'$  (= 0.005), the  $\Delta v'$  value shall be used for the calculation of  $\Delta u'v'$ .
- The corresponding two pairs of  $u'$  and  $v'$  to be used for the calculation are thus the values found at position 1 and position n and thus become the values used for points A and B such that

$u'_1 = u'_A = 0.190$  and  $v'_1 = v'_A = 0.447$  for point A in this example

and

$u'_n = u'_B = 0.186$  and  $v'_n = v'_B = 0.432$  for point B in this example

Hence  $\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{0.000016 + 0.000225} = 0.01552$ , which shall be reported as 0.016.)

#### B.2.4.2.5 Overall uncertainty

$\leq \pm 0.003$  in  $u'$  and  $v'$ .

See B.2.0.7.

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### **B.2.4.3 RGB settings**

#### **B.2.4.3.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing**

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- A TCO Certified default test image, as shown in Figure B.0.8.1, shall be used for this measurement.
- The  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  squares shall have each of the following RGB settings:  
(255, 0, 0) for red,  
(0, 255, 0) for green,  
(0, 0, 255) for blue.

#### **B.2.4.3.2 Equipment**

Spectro-radiometer with a capacity to present  $u'$  and  $v'$  co-ordinates with at least 3 decimals.

#### **B.2.4.3.3 Test method**

The instrument shall be directed orthogonally towards the different test square centres at the measurement distance described in B.2.0.5. Measure the chromaticity co-ordinates at the centre of the  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  square for each colour setting specified above. Change the colour of the square for each measurement.

#### **B.2.4.3.4 Test evaluation**

The recorded chromaticity co-ordinates  $u'$  and  $v'$  for the red, green and blue squares shall be reported.

The  $u'$  and  $v'$  shall be presented to 3 decimal places.

#### **B.2.4.3.5 Overall uncertainty**

$\leq \pm 0.003$  in  $u'$  and  $v'$  for red and green.

$\leq \pm 0.007$  in  $u'$  and  $v'$  for blue.

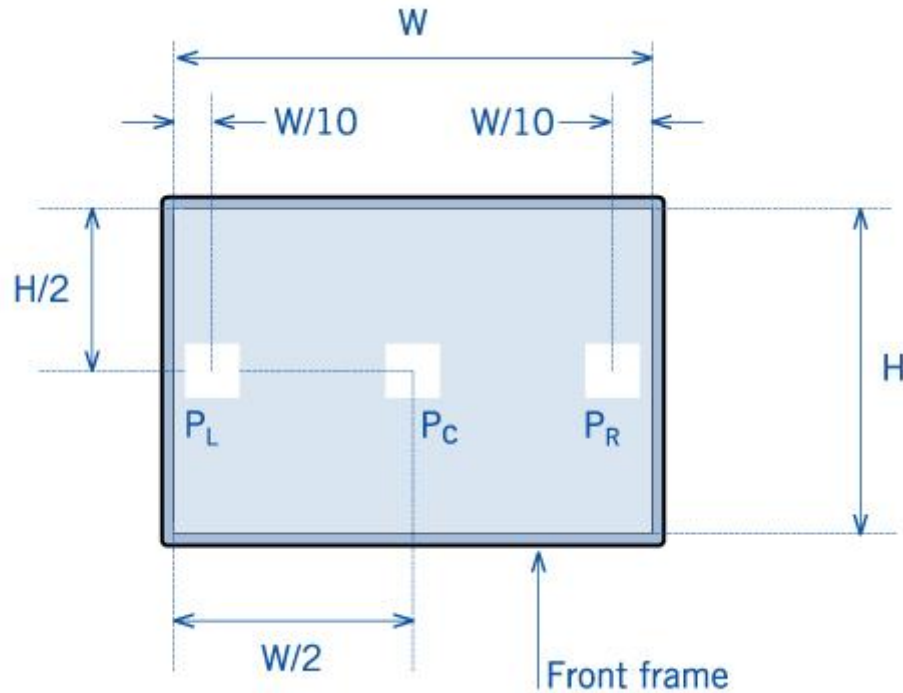
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### **B.2.4.4 Colour uniformity – angular dependence**

#### **B.2.4.4.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing**

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- The screen background shall be RGB 204, 204, 204.
- Chromaticity co-ordinates  $u'$  and  $v'$  shall be measured at three different positions on the screen as shown in Figure B.2.4.4.1. Each measurement position shall consist of white RGB 255, 255, 255 squares sized  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$ .
- The spectro-radiometer shall be positioned and directed orthogonally to the display centre-point as described in B.2.0.5.



**Figure B.2.4.4.1. Measurement positions for colour uniformity-angular dependence.**

**B.2.4.4.2 Equipment**

Spectro-radiometer with a capacity to present  $u'$  and  $v'$  co-ordinates with at least 3 decimals.

**B.2.4.4.3 Test method**

- The spectro-radiometer shall always be directed towards a measurement point and rotated around a fixed vertical axis, (or horizontal axis for the tilt measurement) through the focal point of the front lens with a distance as described in B.2.0.5.
- The spectro-radiometer shall be turned towards positions  $P_C$ ,  $P_L$  and  $P_R$  and focused. The colour co-ordinates at positions  $P_L$  and  $P_R$  ( $u'_{PL/0}$ ,  $v'_{PL/0}$  and  $u'_{PR/0}$ ,  $v'_{PR/0}$  respectively) shall be recorded.
- The screen shall then be rotated  $+30^\circ$  around a vertical axis through the screen centre-point and the chromaticity co-ordinates at positions  $P_L$ ,  $P_R$ , ( $u'_{PL/+30}$ ,  $v'_{PL/+30}$  and  $u'_{PR/+30}$ ,  $v'_{PR/+30}$  respectively) shall be recorded.
- The screen shall finally be rotated  $-30^\circ$  around a vertical axis through the screen centre-point and the chromaticity co-ordinates at positions  $P_L$ ,  $P_R$ , ( $u'_{PL/-30}$ ,  $v'_{PL/-30}$  and  $u'_{PR/-30}$ ,  $v'_{PR/-30}$  respectively) shall be recorded.

**B.2.4.4.4 Test evaluation**

$\Delta u'v'$  in accordance with the CIE (1976) uniform chromaticity scale diagram shall be calculated for each measured position using the formula

$$\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{(u'_A - u'_B)^2 + (v'_A - v'_B)^2}$$

where A and B are the two points found to have the largest colour difference between them.

The largest difference in  $\Delta u'v'$  value shall be reported

The result shall be presented to 3 decimal places.



(The evaluation procedure is exemplified below)

- Make a table of chromaticity values for each measurement position and calculate  $\Delta u'v'$  for  $+30^\circ$  for and  $-30^\circ$

Measurement position no.	Example value $u'$	Example value $v'$
PL $/+30$	0.190	0.447
PR $/+30$	0.187	0.442
Difference at $+30^\circ$	0.003	0.005
$\Delta u'v'$ at $+30^\circ$	0.0059	
Measurement position no.	Example value $u'$	Example value $v'$
PL $/-30$	0.182	0.436
PR $/-30$	0.189	0.432
Difference at $-30^\circ$	0.007	0.004
$\Delta u'v'$ at $-30^\circ$	0.0081	
Largest difference $\Delta u'v'$	0.0081 in this example	

- The largest calculated  $\Delta u'v'$  difference is 0.0081 when the display is rotated  $-30^\circ$ . The test value to be reported is this value, reported to 3 decimal places, thus 0.008.

#### B.2.4.4.5 Overall uncertainty

$\leq \pm 10\%$  in luminance.

$\leq \pm 0.003$  units for  $u'$  and  $v'$ .

$\leq \pm 0.3^\circ$  in rotation angle.

See B.2.0.7.

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## B.2.4.5 Colour greyscale linearity

### B.2.4.5.1 Preparation of the Tablet computer for testing

- All necessary preparations described in B.0 and B.2.0 shall be done.
- A TCO Certified default test image, as shown in Figure B.0.9.1, shall be used for this measurement.
- The  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  square shall have each of the following RGB settings: R=G=B= 255, 225, 195, 165, 135, 105

### B.2.4.5.2 Equipment

Spectro-radiometer with a capacity to present  $u'$  and  $v'$  co-ordinates with at least 3 decimals.

### B.2.4.5.3 Test method

The instrument shall be directed orthogonally towards the different test square centres at the measurement distance described in B.2.0.5. Measure the chromaticity co-ordinates at the centre of the  $4^\circ \times 4^\circ$  square for each greyscale step specified above. Change the greyscale of the square for each measurement.

### B.2.4.5.4 Test evaluation

The evaluation task is to find the two grey scale steps that represent the pairs of  $u'$  and  $v'$  giving the largest colour difference in  $\Delta u'v'$  by use of the equation:

$$\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{(u'_A - u'_B)^2 + (v'_A - v'_B)^2}$$

Where indices A and B are the two grey levels found to have the largest colour difference between them.

The largest difference in  $\Delta u'v'$  value shall be reported.

The result shall be presented to 3 decimal places.

The evaluation procedure is exemplified below

Make a table of chromaticity values for each grey level.

Example value			
Grey level	Luminance cd/m <sup>2</sup>	$u'$	$v'$
255	124.8	0.190	0.447
225	90.4	0.186	0.441
195	61.2	0.186	0.437
165	40.1	0.185	0.435
135	25.2	0.185	0.434
105	15.8	0.186	0.432
Maximum difference		0.005 in this example	0.015 in this example

- The largest  $u'$  difference,  $\Delta u'$ , is 0.005 (between 0.190 and 0.185 at grey levels 255 and 165/135 respectively).

The largest  $v'$  difference,  $\Delta v'$ , is 0.015 (between 0.447 and 0.432 at grey levels 255 and 105 respectively).

- Since  $\Delta v'$  ( $= 0.015$ ) is much larger than  $\Delta u'$  ( $= 0.005$ ), the  $\Delta v'$  value shall be used for the calculation of  $\Delta u'v'$ .
- The corresponding two pairs of  $u'$  and  $v'$  to be used for the calculation are thus the values found at grey level 255 and grey level 105 and thus

$u'_{255} = u'_A = 0.190$  and  $v'_{255} = v'_A = 0.447$  for grey level A in this example

$u'_{105} = u'_B = 0.186$  and  $v'_{105} = v'_B = 0.432$  for grey level B in this example

Hence  $\Delta u'v' = \sqrt{0.000016 + 0.000225} = 0.01552$ , which shall be reported as 0.016).

#### **B.2.4.5.5 Overall uncertainty**

$\leq \pm 10\%$  in luminance.

$\leq \pm 0.003$  units for  $u'$  and  $v'$ .

See B.2.0.7.

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## B.4 Emissions

### B.4.1 Acoustic noise

The acoustic noise test shall only be carried out if the Tablet has integrated moving mechanical parts

#### B.4.1.1 Method

This noise measurement may be done at any test facility accredited according to ISO17025 but the test report must be verified by the TCO Accepted test facility who must sign a verification document for noise, covering all configurations.

Prior to testing, the computer shall have been switched on for 15 minutes. Switch on the computer and begin recording elapsed time, starting either when the computer is initially switched on, or immediately after completing any log in activity necessary to fully boot the system. Once logged in with the operating system fully loaded and ready, close any open windows so that the standard operational desktop screen or equivalent ready screen is displayed. Exactly 15 minutes after the initial boot or log in, start to accumulate test noise levels.

The noise measurements shall follow ISO 7779:2010 and shall be declared according to ISO 9296:1988. (However the principle for how the measurement uncertainty is handled shall be the same as for all the other criteria in this TCO Certification. This means that no uncertainty shall be added to the result presented in the report.)

In addition to reporting the measured *A-weighted sound power level* ( $L_{WA}$ ) in Bels (B) the single measurement values of the 9 measurement positions and the mean value of these *A-weighted sound pressure level* ( $L_{pA}$ ) in Decibels (dB) have to be included in the test report.

#### B.4.1.2 Overall uncertainty

The test shall be performed in such a way that the total extended uncertainty in the test result will be less than  $\pm 2.5\text{dB}$ .

#### Note

The uncertainties given are worst case limits. In many cases it will be possible to obtain better accuracy.

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## **B.6 Environment**

### **B.6.0 General Clarification**

#### **B.6.0.1 Signatures**

The date of signature shall not be older than 12 months at the time of the application. The templates in the ecological declaration shall be sent either with original signatures or as copies of original documents with original signatures. “Copies” are for example telefaxes or pdf-files of scanned signed documents. TCO Development and/or the responsible test facility may later request the original signed document.

However, copies will not be accepted where the signature has been scanned and pasted into the document.

TCO Development accepts digital signature as an alternative to traditional signature on test reports and declarations submitted as pdf files. To approve a digital signature it is necessary to also submit a digital key to the verifier to facilitate identification.

### **B.6.1 Product description**

The A.6.1 template shall be completed with the requested information about the Tablet. This includes the display, panel and external power supply.

The type key that includes an Asterisk (\*) for unidentified characters, if any, in the model name and panel identification name shall be submitted to the eco-verifier. Only two \* may be used in the model type key and each \* must include two or more options. For the most up-to-date information about type keys, see the appropriate product Application Process at [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com)

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## **B.6.2 Manufacturing**

### **B.6.2.1 Environmental management system certification**

The certificate shall be issued by a certification body that is accredited by an accreditation body covered by the International Accreditation Forum, [www.iaf.nu](http://www.iaf.nu), Multilateral Arrangement on Environmental Management Systems.

The applicant shall submit an ISO 14001 certificate or EMAS registration for every final assembly plant used to manufacture products certified according to TCO Certified.

For applicants submitting several applications, it is sufficient to attach ISO 14001 certificate(s) or EMAS registration(s) with the first application. The certificate(s) or an appendix to the certificate(s) shall show the scope of the certification.

Manufacturing plants that are not yet certified (and that do not fall into the above mentioned category) can seek a 12 months grace period on the first application to obtain ISO14001 certification or EMAS registration. TCO Development reserves the right to deny grace period if the Applicant is considered a high risk for not meeting the 12 month due date. When seeking grace period an agreement must be completed/signed by the Applicant company.

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## **B.6.3 Climate**

### **B.6.3.1 Energy consumption – external power supply**

TCO Development has decided that energy consumption of the external power supply shall follow the EPA demands for compliance with The International Efficiency Protocol requirement for level V, equivalent to the Energy Star version 2.0 for external adapters, also covering battery chargers.

The international efficiency mark consists of a Roman numeral (I – VI) that corresponds to specific minimum Active and No-Load efficiency levels (as well as a power factor requirement for level V) and is printed/applied by the manufacturer on the external power supply marking label.

A test facility approved by TCO Development will require a copy of the display's external power supply marking label where The International Efficiency Protocol requirement for level V symbol is visible as proof of compliance.

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## **B.6.4 Hazardous substances**

### **B.6.4.1 Cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg), lead (Pb) and hexavalent chromium (CrVI)**

Exemptions are according to EU Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS) and the documents supporting the directive except that mercury in lamps is not permitted.

The maximum concentration values tolerated by weight in homogeneous materials for cadmium, mercury, lead and hexavalent chromium are according to EU Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS) and the documents supporting the directive. No exemption for mercury in lamps is allowed.

The limit value for batteries is 0.0005 % for mercury, 0.002 % for cadmium and 0.004 % lead per listed part, according to EU Directive 2006/66/EC.

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### **B.6.4.2 Halogenated substances**

**Mandate 1.** The requirement applies to plastic parts in all assemblies and sub-assemblies. LCD panels are included in the requirement.

Exempted are printed wiring board laminates, electronic components and all kinds of cable insulation.

**Mandate 2.** The requirement applies to the whole of the Tablet computer product, including components, parts and raw materials in all assemblies and sub-assemblies e.g. batteries, paint, surface treatment, plastics and electronic components. Printed Wiring Boards are also included in the requirement.

HBCDD has been identified as a Substance of Very High Concern in accordance with EU REACH criteria. The main application of HBCDD in EEE is as a flame retardant in HIPS plastic being used for closures and structural parts of different types of EEE. TCO Development considers that the use of HBCDD in EEE is not deemed essential as technically suitable alternative substances and materials are available and already used extensively today.

Maximum concentration values tolerated for a restricted substance (including decaBDE) is 0.1 % by weight in homogeneous materials.

Fluoroorganic additives, used to modify the dripping behaviour of plastics in fire conditions or to improve the processing behaviour, are exempted provided that they do not exceed 0.5 weight percent.

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### B.6.4.3 Non-halogenated substances

Non-halogenated flame retardants can be used in TCO Certified products once they receive an accepted benchmark. TCO Development makes a list of accepted substances available on its website. The Accepted Substances list is dynamic, which allows new substances that have undergone a valid assessment to be added or for accepted substances to come under reassessment in light of new scientific findings. If an accepted substance is reassessed and given a benchmark score lower than 2 TCO Development reserves the right to remove the substance from the accepted substance list. Any substance to be removed will be set a sunset date. The sunset date shall give adequate time (at least one year) for equipment manufacturers to switch to a flame retardant alternative.

When considered necessary, TCO Development reserves the right to request a substance undergo further assessment in order to assess the completeness, quality and validity of a draft benchmark score, such as a GreenScreen Verification assessment.

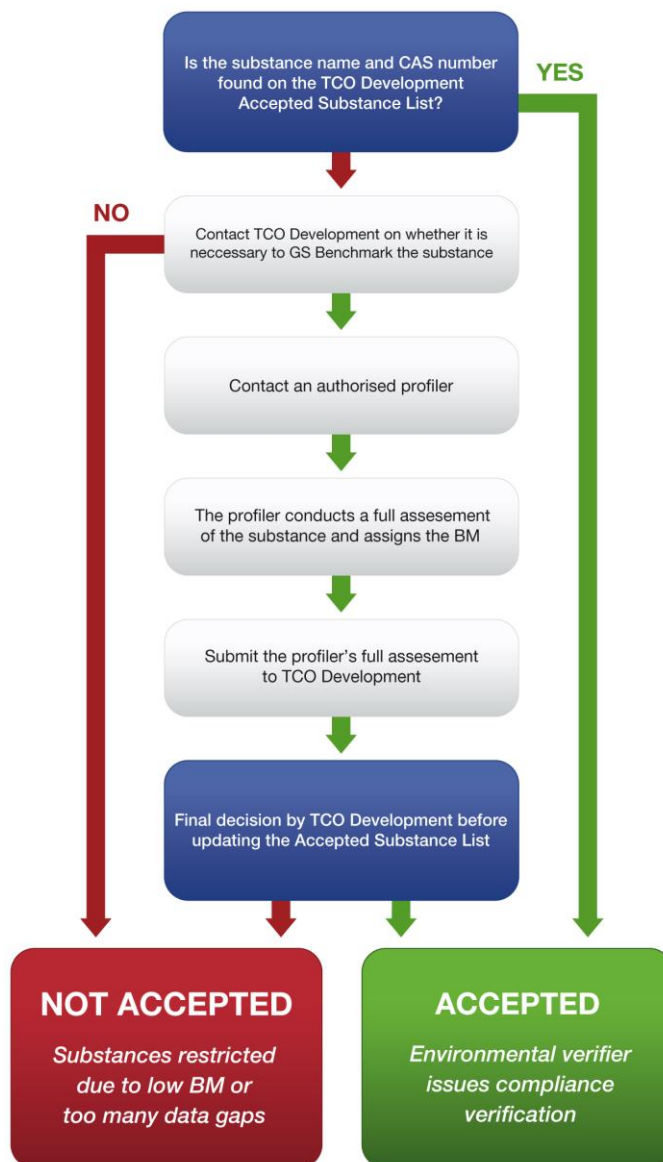
Full GreenScreen Assessments of substances are made publicly available on databases such as IC2 (Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse) <http://theic2.org/hazard-assessment> or Techstreet <http://www.techstreet.com/searches/3638231>. If no public assessment report is available, then TCO Development may place interested persons in contact with the owner of the report.

Table B.6.4.3.1

Benchmark key		
Benchmark 4	Few concerns, i.e. safer chemical	Approved for use
Benchmark 3	Slight concern	Approved for use
Benchmark 2	Moderate concern	Approved for use
Benchmark 1	High concern	Not accepted
Unspecified (U)	Insufficient data to assign a benchmark	Not accepted

**B.6.4.3.1 Compliance procedures (See also Flow chart B.6.4.3.1)**

- **First contact your suppliers such as the plastic and panel manufacturer and ask them to confirm that they only use flame retardants including substances on the accepted substance list.**
- **If all flame retardants only include substances on the Accepted Substances List the procedure is as follows:**
  1. Sign template A.6.4.3 and submit it to the approved environmental verifier. When the verifier considers all environmental documentation is compliant they will issue an Environmental verification to the applicant.
- **If any flame retardant is used that contains a substance that is not on the Accepted Substances List then it will need to be added before approval can be given by the environmental verifier. For this the procedure is as follows:**
  1. Contact TCO Development directly to see if we have any additional information on the substance: Reasons for the substance's absence can be that the substance has received benchmark 1, no assessment has been conducted or it has a benchmark score U (unspecified) due to many data gaps.
  2. If TCO Development requires the substance to be benchmarked, we recommend you contact your supplier and inform them that the substance will need a GreenScreen assessment by a licensed profiler. The list of licensed profilers can be found on the CPA website at <http://www.greenscreenchemicals.org/professionals/profilers>
  3. A draft report per substance (not flame retardant) is assembled from the available information (literature search, structural similarity comparison, expert judgment) by the profiler.
  4. It is the profiler that sets the benchmark score per relevant substance, which is valid for 3 years. Substances are assessed at 3 year intervals since mandates are revised and more data and new knowledge on the substance may lead to other results.  
**Note:** All assessments **and** reassessments shall be conducted by licensed profilers.
  5. Full GreenScreen **assessments per substance** shall be submitted to TCO Development for final approval before the Accepted Substances List can be updated.
  6. Once a substance is added to the list and the verifier identifies them, then they will issue the environmental verification to the applicant (see above point 1 under: "*If all flame retardants only include substances on the Accepted Substances List the procedure is as follows*")



Flow chart B.6.4.3.1. The Compliance procedure

#### **B.6.4.3.2 Grace period**

Applicants signing mandate A.6.4.3 have the option to seek a grace period in order to give them time to assess flame retardants used and substitute these if necessary. The request for a grace period shall be sent to TCO Development together with a description on why a grace period is necessary and a timeline for the GreenScreen assessment and/or substitution. On receiving this request, TCO Development will conduct a risk assessment as to whether the applicant can be given a grace period to show compliance. If a grace period is not granted, then the applicant is required to ensure that all used non-halogenated flame retardants only include substances that are on the TCO Accepted Substances list before a certificate can be issued to them. After the grace period, if an approved a grace period exceeds the due date, then the verifier shall contact TCO Development and a course of action will be decided after talking first with the applicant.

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#### **B.6.4.5 Phthalates**

Maximum concentration values tolerated for a restricted substance is 0.1 % by weight of any plasticised homogenous material.

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#### **B.6.4.6 Hazardous substances in product packaging**

Limit values are according to Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste.

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### **B.6.5 Material Resource Efficiency**

#### **B.6.5.1 Lifetime extension**

That spare parts shall be available for three years from “the time that production ceases” is only applicable to the production of the specific Tablet computer, certified by the brand owner according to TCO Certified.

Regarding spare parts:

- If a part of a product is broken (e.g. bezel, stand) the end user shall not need to replace the whole product, only the broken part. The broken part shall be possible to replace with an equivalent part (this part does not have to be identical to the broken part).
- When the cost for replacing a broken part (e.g. panel) exceeds the cost of replacing the whole product, then that part need not be considered as a spare part under this mandate.

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### **B.6.6 End of life**

#### **B.6.6.1 Material coding of plastics**

If the amount of flame retardant exceeds 1 % by weight the coding shall be complemented in accordance with ISO 1043-4.

The requirements also apply to plastics in the LCD panel, however labelling of the light guide may instead consist of the application of a label in close proximity, for example PLASTIC LIGHT GUIDE:>plastic type(s)< or >PLASTIC LIGHT GUIDE:plastic type(s)<. Labelling of Plate diffuser (not thin plastic film diffuser) shall follow the same rules as for the light guide.

The requirement does not cover other thin plastic films in the panel due to difficulties in labelling these.

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#### **B.6.6.2 Take back system**

Tick the box of the option chosen.

If the applicant chooses **option 1** (*Product only sold on markets with WEEE legislation or similar*) and signs the declaration, the requirement is fulfilled.

If **option 2 or 3** (*World-wide product take back or One additional market lacking WEEE legislation where product take back is offered*) is chosen, the declaration must be signed and the applicant must provide a short description of how the take-back system on that market works. This can also be done by giving a reference (for example a link to a website) to the representative, associated company or affiliate taking care of the take-back system on that market.

In case of option 3 the applicant must also provide the name of the market (country) where a take back system is provided.

TCO Development has no requirement on the take-back system being free of charge.

It is important to point out that any recycling and waste export control legislation in countries where the applicant company operates must always be met.

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## **B.7 Socially Responsible Manufacturing**

### **B.7.1 Supply chain responsibility**

#### **B.7.1.1 General Clarifications**

The mandate is a social performance mandate and criteria are based on the eight ILO (International Labour Organization) core conventions and local legislation. The mandate stipulates the minimum standards for Code of Conduct, Inspection and Corrective Action engagement of the brand owners regarding the situation at their own and/or their supplier's manufacturing facilities of TCO Certified products..

#### **B.7.1.2 Background information**

##### **B.7.1.2.1 SA8000**

SA8000 is based on the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Convention on the Rights of the Child and various International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions. SA8000 is a global social accountability standard for decent working conditions, developed and overseen by Social Accountability International (SAI). SAI contracts with a global accreditation agency, Social Accountability Accreditation Services (SAAS) that licences and oversees auditing organisations to award certification to employers that comply with SA8000. For more information visit: <http://www.sa-intl.org/>

##### **B.7.1.2.2 Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC)**

The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) is a group of companies working together to create a comprehensive set of tools and methods that support credible implementation of the Electronic Industry Code of Conduct. The EICC Code of Conduct is at the core of member requirements and members are required to commit to it, spread that commitment to their supply chains and undertake a range of assessment activities to ensure they are accountable to their commitment to the Code.

The EICC VAP (Validated Audit Process) is a factory audit framework for identifying risks and driving improvements and robust management systems for labour, ethics, health, safety and environmental conditions in the supply chain. It is a third party validated audit service that provides an independent audit of a supplier, potential supplier, and/or a company's own facilities.

For more information visit: <http://www.eicc.info/>

##### **B.7.1.2.3 Grace Period.**

Brand owners signing mandate A.7.1 for the first time have the option to seek a 12 month grace period in order to give them time to improve their supply chain management systems. On receiving this request, TCO Development will conduct a risk assessment as to whether the brand can be given a grace of 12 months to show compliance. If a grace period is not granted, then the brand is required to make all required improvements and actions before a certificate can be issued to them.

After 12 months, if an approved a grace period exceeds the due date, then the verifier shall contact TCO Development and a course of action will be decided after talking first with the brand owner.

### **B.7.1.3 The verification process**

#### **B.7.1.3.1 Proof documentation to be submitted to a Social Reviewer approved by TCO Development**

**1. Submitting the code of conduct**

The Brand owner shall submit a copy of their code of conduct signed (on the document copy or declaration of identity) by the SMR (or higher ranking member of the company) to an approved verifier for review. If the Code of conduct has not changed since last time it was reviewed the brand does not have to send it again.

**SA8000:** If the brand owners head office is certified according to SA8000 then the code of conduct does not have to be reviewed by the Social Reviewer.. It is enough to send a copy of the SA8000 certificate to the Environmental Verifier and the Code of conduct with the application to TCO Development.

**2. Submitting the proof of the supply chain being informed of the code of conduct.**

The Brand owner shall submit a description on how their first tier manufacturing facilities of TCO Certified products are informed of their code of conduct for review by an approved Social Reviewer..

**SA8000:** If the brand owners head office is certified according to SA8000 then a description does not have to be reviewed by an approved Social Reviewer. It is enough to send a copy of the SA8000 certificate to the Environmental Verifier and the description with the application to TCO Development.

**3. Submitting the annual factory list**

The Brand owner shall submit an annual list of all first tier manufacturing facilities of TCO Certified products to the Environmental Verifier and TCO Development. The list shall show the factory name, address, date of conducted audit, date of planned audit and type of audit. Each factory shall have an audit date assigned to it. All these audits may be first, second or third party audits (at least one of the audits shall be 3<sup>rd</sup> party and have been conducted within 12 months from the date the list is submitted). The list shall show that all factories have or will be audited once over a 3 year period.

**4. Submitting the annual third party audit report**

The Brand owner must submit one annual third party audit report carried-out at a first tier manufacturing facility of TCO Certified products for review by an approved Social Reviewer. The audit report shall at least cover the criteria in A.7.1 of TCO Certified and be of equal quality as an EICC audit. When possible the audit report shall be from a different first tier manufacturing facility than the previous years unless otherwise specified by TCO Development.

**SA8000:** If the first tier manufacturing facility is certified according to SA8000 then the third party audit report does not have to be reviewed by an approved Social Reviewer. It is enough to send a copy of the SA8000 certificate to the Environmental Verifier and a copy of the audit report with the application to TCO Development.



5. Submitting the annual corrective action plan (CAP) if relevant.

The Brand owner must submit one corrective action plan (CAP) for review for any non-conformity found in the submitted audit report to an approved Social Reviewer.

**SA8000:** If the first tier manufacturing facility is certified according to SA8000 then then the CAP does not have to be reviewed by an approved Social Reviewer. It is enough to send a copy of the SA8000 certificate to the Environmental Verifier and a copy of the CAP with the application to TCO Development.

**B.7.1.3.2 On-site inspection initiated by the Brand owner (Social revision)**

In accordance with the compliance options under A.7.1 the Brand owner shall provide a third party conducted social audit and a CAP for any non-conformities carried out at one of their first tier facilities producing TCO Certified products.

The following applies:

- The Brand owner may choose the third party Audit firm.
- Third party auditors used by the Brand owner to carry-out the factory inspection and issue the report shall have documented experience of carrying out social auditing. The auditor should have undergone the SA8000 Advanced Auditor Training or an equivalent training course
- A third party is considered to be a person or body that is recognised as being independent of the parties involved, as concerns the issue in question. Parties involved are normally the Brand owner (first party) and purchaser (second party).

**B.7.1.3.3 Review of the proof documents**

The approved Social Reviewer will evaluate the documents according to the following principles.

- **Code of conduct:**
  - The code of conduct shall be considered consistent with the ILO:s eight Core Conventions, art 32 in UN:s Convention on the Rights of the Child, the health and safety legislation in force in the country of manufacture, and the labor law, including rules on minimum wage and the social security protection in the manufacturing country
  - The contents of the code of conduct shall have been adopted by the Board and addressed by management.
  - The code of conduct shall relate to the manufacturing of the specific product being certified.
- **Supply chain being informed of the code of conduct:**
  - Examples may be that the Brand Owner has translated the Code of Conduct into local languages. This shows that the company has made efforts so that management and employees are able to be informed about the code's content in their own language.
  - Or the company has conducted training on the Code for employees and/or management at production facilities.
  - Another common way to inform production facilities can be to have them fill out a questionnaire (self-assessment) on compliance with the code.



- **Audit report reviews:** Central to the compliance options is the review of the factory audit report conducted by a third party Social Reviewer approved by TCO Development. Audit reports sent for review shall not be older than 12 months. It shall be authentic, conducted by an auditor with the correct competence and cover the relevant manufacturing site.
- **Corrective Action Plan (CAP):** If there were findings during the factory inspection then a CAP (remedial plan plus timelines and evidences) for the findings shall be submitted for review together with the audit report. This CAP will be evaluated for effectiveness by the Social Reviewer. A judgement on the remedial effectiveness and a summary will be given in the Verification Report issued by the Social Reviewer..
- **The approved Social Reviewer:** All supporting documentation shall be reviewed by a third party approved by TCO Development. This reviewer shall not be the same person that conducted the factory audit. The reviewer has the authority to review and verify the following types of documents:
  - Code of conducts
  - Communication of the code of conduct
  - Audit reports,
  - CAPs,
  - SA8000 certificates/audits
  - Supporting documentation

After the review the Social Reviewer issues the Audit Report Verification to the Brand owner or the applicant. It is the final responsibility of the Brand owner to submit this document to TCO Development to prove that they are aware of the situation at the factory and accept the report..

A verification report issued by the approved Social Reviewer is valid for 12 months from the date of the Brand owner's first issued TCO Certified certificate covering mandate A.7.1. The verification must be updated annually. The list of approved Social Reviewers is found at: [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com)

#### **B.7.1.3.4 On-site inspection initiated by TCO Development (Spot-checks)**

TCO Development reserves the right to require full audit reports and conduct or commission on-site inspections at first tier manufacturing facilities to verify that the Brand owner is fulfilling the obligations according to this mandate. The planning of social audits will be done in cooperation with the Senior Management Representative appointed by the Brand owner. Audits will be implemented by TCO Developments partner organisation for the actual geographic region. Social audits initiated by TCO Development will be realized on a judgement sample basis, in each case decided by and financed by TCO Development. Results from the audits will be shared with audited factory (both management and worker representatives) and all the brand owners listed as using the audited factory in order to create a combined effort toward implementing the CAP. For TCO Development, the spot-checks and all other submitted reports contain valuable information on social performance, making it possible to translate findings into metrics and then measure improvement through code of conduct and audit methodology.

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## **B.7.2 Senior Management Representative**

### **B.7.2.1 General Clarifications**

The mandate underlines the importance for the Brand owner to appoint a senior management representative who, irrespective of other responsibilities, has the authority to ensure that the requirements of this mandate are met. This aims to create an open and transparent dialogue between TCO Development and top management at the brand owner company.

### **B.7.2.2 SMR review**

The intention of the review of the SMR is to ensure that the SMR has the necessary authority and is working in a structured way in implementing the Brand owner's code of conduct. The SMR may bring assistants to the review meeting if needed. The following questions will be asked of the SMR:

1. The SMR will be asked questions on how the communication of the Brand owner's code of conduct to first tier factories has been done. (See point 1 of the self-assessment questionnaire)
2. The SMR will be asked questions about the Brand owner's audit schedule and about some of the audits that have been done. (These reports may be first, second or third party audits).
3. The SMR will be asked to show examples of progress for some corrective action plans.
4. The SMR will be asked to fill in the self-assessment questionnaire on proactive work (point 2-19) by TCO Development (B.7.2.2.1) prior to the review and explain in more detail the Brand owner's proactive work to implement their code of conduct during the review. The SMR might be asked to show supporting documentation for this. The self-assessment questionnaire does not have to be reviewed by a reviewer approved by TCO Development. It is sent directly to TCO Development prior to the SMR review.

The Questionnaire and Guidelines for the assessment are public and can be downloaded at: [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com)

As long as the SMR is able to show the relevant documents and explain the Brand owner's structured work to implement their code of conduct the review is accepted. If the SMR is not able to get hold of necessary documents or if he/she cannot explain about the Brand owner's structured work to implement their code of conduct the review is not accepted.

The review may be done through an online meeting. However, it is necessary that documents can be shared (during or prior to the meeting) and that the communication quality is adequate for full understanding.

If it is not possible to set up an online meeting that fulfils the requirements above or if the review does not give an acceptable result then TCO Development has the right to require the SMR to be reviewed by a third party auditor paid by the brand owner. The report from this review is then sent to TCO Development.

TCO Development also has the right to require a face to face review of the SMR. For this type of review, TCO Development will cover their own costs.

#### **B.7.2.2.1 Self-assessment questionnaire on proactive work**

The self-assessment questionnaire is provided by TCO Development and is a set of questions covering such areas as the implementation of the Brand owner's code of conduct, auditing and follow-up of social criteria, trade union rights and representation, activities to avoid discrimination and create an open dialogue with suppliers.

The Brand owner SMR is responsible for answering all questions and providing documented proof of how it supports its suppliers in these areas. Each answer is colour graded full- (Green), partial- (Yellow) or non- (Red) compliance level.

In order to highlight the need for progressive improvement and level the commitment between different brands, the questionnaire is required to be submitted annually during the SMR review. However, the self-assessment questionnaire does not have to be reviewed by a reviewer approved by TCO Development. It is sent directly to TCO Development prior to the SMR review.

There is currently no minimum level required for the proactive work reported in the questionnaire (point 2-19) in this generation of TCO Certified. The data collected in the questionnaire on proactive work will be used to risk assess Brand owners for the spot-check program. In this program TCO Development make annual third party factory audits according to the code of conduct on a number of Brand owners first tier factories. The questionnaire is also intended to measure the progress in the industry and to be used as a basis for future criteria development in this area.

The Questionnaire and Guidelines for the assessment are public and can be downloaded at: [www.tcodevelopment.com](http://www.tcodevelopment.com)

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## B.7.3 Conflict minerals

### B.7.3.1 General Clarifications

The mandate mainly focuses on the 3T+G minerals which are being mined within the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) region and used in a wide range of computer products. Once refined the origins of minerals are hard to trace, therefore we are recommending the importance of participation with legitimate in-region initiatives that directly benefit people in the conflict-affected regions. However, since the number of participants for in-region initiatives are low at this stage we also accept involvement in smelter/refinery certification programs since they complement in-region initiatives. Also we approve brands that can satisfactorily provide proof that they have adopted the *OECD Due diligence guidance*, since it provides a framework for brands to ensure that they respect human rights and do not directly or indirectly contribute to conflict.

### B.7.3.2 Background information about the initiatives

TCO Development is demanding brands address the conflict mineral concerns of the private and public sector while delivering solutions that benefit those involved in the responsible minerals trade in the DRC. TCO Development considers participation in the following initiatives facilitates that goal. It is TCO Development's opinion that the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chain of Conflict-Affected or High-risk Areas is the most ambitious approach in the list.

- *The OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas* ("the Guidance"). Brands require suppliers to disclose their sourcing origins of conflict minerals by using a questionnaire template such as the EICC 'Conflict Minerals Reporting Template' or similar in order to prevent the potential use of conflict minerals.
- *iTSCi* - ITRI represent tin producers and smelters. This program is a supply chain initiative to verify and trace minerals from the mine to smelter (traceability tagging). Although full membership is focused on upstream companies (Mining, Smelters etc) an Associate membership for downstream companies exists (manufacturers etc). Associate members contribute to the financing of the iTSCi program and so keep informed of initiative activities, specific mining sites whilst they support development in Africa.

***For more information:***

[https://www.itri.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_zoo&view=item&Itemid=191](https://www.itri.co.uk/index.php?option=com_zoo&view=item&Itemid=191)

- *Conflict-free Tin Initiative* (CFTI); sources conflict-free tin from the South Kivu province of DRC that implements the ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (iTSCi) the due diligence and traceability system
- *The Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade* (PPA) is a multi-sector and multi-stakeholder initiative that provides funding and support to systems that trace and certify mineral supply chains in the DRC and Great Lakes Region. <http://www.resolve.org/site-ppa/>

- Other relevant in-region initiative. Initiatives not given in the list but prove active commitment to an initiative that aims at increasing legitimately sourced minerals.

Examples of other relevant initiatives that are approved:

- *Solutions for Hope* (SfH); sources conflict-free tantalum from the Katanga province of DRC (incorporates the iTSCi process and CFS program).
  - *The Certified Trading Chains* initiative (CTC) is a program supported by the German government and certifies mines to defined performance standards
- Member of the EICC & GeSi *Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative* (CFSI). Members contribute to a number of tools and resources including the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template; supporting in-region sourcing schemes and the Conflict Free Smelter Program (identification of Smelters and Refiners that source conflict-free minerals).

### **B.7.3.3 The verification process**

At least one of the options in the mandate box shall be marked. Every initiative the Brand is a participant in shall be provided. The following shall occur before the verifier may issue a verification of compliance.

- The template shall be completed by the responsible person at the brand owner company.
- The brand shall complete the TCO Certified Conflict Mineral Questionnaire and submit it and any required supporting documents for review. The reviewer then assesses compliance and issues the verification report.

#### **Supporting documents**

- If the brand has a management system covering conflict minerals within its supply chain which it states are based on the OECD Due Diligence guidelines, then a supporting document that outlines those due diligence measures shall be submitted. Example of proof are:
  - Due Diligence Roadmap, Sustainability report or Conflict Mineral Report asserting the OECD five step framework.
  - Link to where information/findings are posted on the brand's website.
- The brand shall provide a copy of its conflict mineral policy and state where the information is made public.
- If the brand is part of an in-region initiative or the EICC CFSI, then supporting documents or links to relevant websites shall be provided to the approved verifier in order for them to verify participation.
- If the brand marks the option 'Other relevant initiative', then the name of the initiative shall be entered into the template and information on the initiative (or website) shall be submitted to the verifier and they will contact TCO Development in order to make a joint assessment before it can be accepted as an option. Although unlikely, any additional review fee entailed for an extra assessment will be charged to the applicant, after receiving the applicant's consent.
- When the application is satisfactory, the verifier notes on the verification report the fulfilled options and the type of supporting documentation.

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