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Environmental information

ECO-label is a product certification policy; created by the European Community in 1992 enabling European consumers to easily identify and purchase environmentally friendly products. By using ECO-label certified products consumers can be sure that the products they have purchased are environmentally friendly and combine quality with a high level of consideration and concern for the environment.

The ECO-label can only be applied to the products included within the product groups for which the European Community have issued specified directives establishing the requirements the products must have in order to be awarded the ECO-label. Ceramic tiles as well as natural stones, concrete paving and agglomerated stones, are included in the product group called HFC or Hard Floor Coverings.

Eco-label requirements

- Saving energy in production by obtaining a high water recycling coefficient
- Reducing Impact on the environment caused by the extraction of raw materials
- Limiting the use of substances harmful to health and the environment
- Limiting emissions of pollutants of air and water
- Production of products with low contents of polluting agents such as lead and cadmium
- Implementing safe waste disposal systems

EMAS is the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme, which is a voluntary initiative designed to improve companies' environmental performance. It was established by the European Community in 1993.

Its aim is to recognise and reward those organisations that go beyond minimum legal compliance and continuously improve their environmental performance. In addition, it is a requirement of the scheme that participating organisations regularly produce a public environmental statement that reports on their environmental performance. It is this voluntary publication of environmental information, whose accuracy and reliability has been independently checked by an environmental verifier, that gives EMAS and those organisations that participate enhanced credibility and recognition.

Environmental management has become a core business issue for many organisations. Minimising the amount of waste that is produced, reducing energy consumption and making more efficient use of resources can all lead to financial cost savings, in addition to helping to protect and enhance the environment. EMAS is strongly backed by Government and the environmental regulators - organisations who participate are recognised as making strong commitments to the environment and to improving their economic competitiveness. EMAS could be the competitive edge you are seeking!

Solus and the environment

At Solus we are committed to being able to provide our customers with a wide range of environmentally friendly products. With this in mind we have searched throughout Europe and have access to ranges from many factories who meet the criteria to be ECO-label and EMAS certified.

We are working hard at Solus to ensure that more and more of our product conform to the ECO-label and EMAS criteria and all range displays of products that meet this criteria proudly display the logos of ECO-label and EMAS.

As well as looking to obtain products from environmentally friendly sources Solus is also striving to reduce its own impact on the environment. Currently we have introduced company policies to reduce energy consumption, reduce waste sent to landfill and to encourage recycling in the company.

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Solus have a broad range of services on offer. In addition to an impressive range of services and advice, Solus also have a comprehensive library of technical information and are able to provide fixing specifications which can be added into NBS Plus specifications.

- "Don't Slip Up" RIBA approved CPD seminar
- "An overview of tile specification" RIBA approved CPD seminar
- Product awareness seminar
- BIM
- NBS Plus specification
- Advice on standards
- Fixing specifications
- Cleaning & maintenance
- Environmental information
- Pendulum testing
- Technical data sheets
- Tile matching
- Next day sample service
- Waterjet cutting
- Design and fabrication

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