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ATTESTATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY APPROACH FOR VINCO TAMBOUR CUPBOARDS, LOCKERS AND PEDESTALS

VINCO INDUSTRIE confirms that it is fully aware of the environmental considerations to be taken into account in the manufacture of its products and is fully committed to adopting a policy of sustainable development.

The criteria of the environmental management marks applicable to office furniture are adhered to:

- Absence of heavy metals (cadmium, lead, chrome VI, mercury or arsenic) in the composition of finishing products
- Support for recycling
- Packaging materials geared towards recycling processes (cardboard) or re-usage (palettes)
- Marking of plastics
- Adherence to specific energy
- Separability of heterogeneous components

VINCO cupboards and pedestals are manufactured in France by VINCO INDUSTRIE at production sites which rigorously adhere to the environmental regulations on classified facilities for protecting the environment (Installations Classées pour la Protection de l'Environnement -ICPE) and, in particular, those on the use of surface treatment facilities.

In addition to these regulations, all of the production site's waste is sorted and geared towards recycling processes (metal sheets, tambour doors in PVC or polypropylene, cardboard, stretch wrapping), energy recovery (wood) or controlled destruction (oils, paints, solutions and surface treatment residues).

All of the facilities are zero-liquid discharge and the powder paint emits infinitesimal quantities of VOC.

The total recycling rate for VINCO PVC tambour cupboards is 87.3% (non-recyclable materials: PVC tambour doors).

The total recycling rate for VINCO polypropylene, "NF Environnement" certified tambour cupboards is higher than 99%. However, in view of the fact that the paint applied, which represents around 2.6% of the cupboard's weight, is effectively non-recyclable (see standard NF EN ISO 14021, Section 7.7), the total recycling rate for the cupboards is 97.4% in normative terms.

A specific notice attached to every "NF Environnement" cupboard encourages its owner to recycle it at the end of its lifespan.

"NF Environnement" certification is based on the ISO 14024 standard.

The total recycling rate for VINCO "NF Environnement" certified pedestals is almost 100%.

The proportion of recycled materials in the overall production of tambour cupboards and pedestals is 30% (40% of the steel used comes from recycling).

VINCO INDUSTRIE constantly endeavours to reduce the impact of its activities on the environment by seeking to use high-performance processes which enable the reduction of its energy and raw material requirements without compromising on quality.

Through its policy on streamlining transport (organization of deliveries, own vehicles), VINCO makes every effort to optimize loads and delivery plans and to reduce road transport in order to decrease toxic gas emissions.

In particular, VINCO is committed to the REACH regulation (EC regulation n° 1907/2006). VINCO has followed its raw material suppliers, who have already introduced the necessary procedures, in particular with regard to pre-registration of chemical substances present, especially in powder paint formulations.

The powder paints used in the manufacture of VINCO storage furniture do not contain heavy metals, such as lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chrome.

Within the scope of the marks "NF Bureau Sécurité Confortique", "Geprüfte Sicherheit (GS)" and "NF Environnement Ameublement", the cupboards, pedestals and accessories manufactured by VINCO INDUSTRIE are produced in accordance with rigorous quality criteria and conform to the requirements of European standards NF EN 14073 2 and 3 and NF EN 14074 as well as the French standard NF D 62-041, which are standards applicable to office furniture.

The FCBA (l'Institut Technologique Forêt Cellulose Bois-Construction Ameublement, formerly CTBA) has approved the design quality of our products and their manufacture through tests and audits in line with pre-defined procedures.