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INTERSPORT REQUIREMENTS

AT INTERSPORT we want to empower our consumers to make the right choices. Products that have been highlighted with our “Impact Choice” flag are products that meet specific responsible criteria. As all the brands that we work with are on different points along their impact journey and use differing certifications, innovations and technologies, we want to provide you with an overview of what each of these standards are.

For a product to be labeled as “Impact Choice”, it either needs to be **fully**¹ certified by a recognised standard or have, at least, one main component² that contains 50% responsible materials and technologies.

Furthermore, all the technical and impact detailed information of a product needs to be transmitted through all data channels.

In case of market surveillance requests, the Strategic Brands are asked to commit to providing us with all required certificates and any other required documents within 48 hours.

Component Guideline ³

All Apparel, Footwear and Hardware products marked as being “Impact Choice” must have one of its main component made of at least 50% from responsible materials and technologies. In the following sub chapters, we will break these requirements down, specifying the definition of main component for each of the three categories.

Apparel

Main components for apparel include the following:

- main (outer) fabric
- 100% of padding/ filling

Footwear type 1- Shoes, Boots, Rainboots & Warmshoes

Main components for all athletic, winter and outdoor shoes include:

- main upper
- out-sole
- mid-sole
- 100% padding

1 The complete product as a whole.

2 For designated main components list, see annex.

3 Overview and detailed information in tables in annex.

Footwear type 2 - Sandals, Flipflops

Main components for all sandals and flipflops include:

- main upper (sandles)
- sole

Hardware

For Hardware main components consist of outer materials and components that are integral to the product. Hardware being composed of numerous types of products, please check the table in annexe for the details of main component for each type of product.

Finishing

All finishings need to be using natural/responsible technologies (PFC free, natural eco wicking...)

No-Go Criteria

Any products, regardless of content responsible material will not be considered as being "Impact Choice" if it contains any of the following:

- PFCs
- Biocides
- Wool from mulesed sheep
- Down/feathers from live-plucked or force fed birds

More responsible Materials and Technologies

LENZING™ ECOVERO™

LENZING™ ECOVERO™ is widely recognised for its lower environmental impact (50% lower emissions and water impact) compared to conventional viscose. The fibres are produced using wood pulp derived from responsibly managed forests and certified to come from responsible sources.

LENZING™ TENCEL™

LENZING™ TENCEL™ fibres, are extracted from responsibly grown wood using a unique closed loop system which recovers and reuses the solvents used, minimizing the environmental impact.

LENZING™ VISCOSE

Lenzing™ Viscose, is widely recognised for its lower environmental impact. Compared to conventional viscose, Lenzing traces their entire supply chain to guarantee that Lenzing™ Viscose is always sourced from responsibly managed forests.

Lyocell

Lyocell is widely recognised as a more responsible fabric as it is produced from renewable cellulosic plants such as trees (wood pulp) and bamboo. Lyocell manufacturing process also has a very low environmental impact as 99.8% of the solvents used for the manufacturing are reused again and again in a closed loop recovery process.

Made with recycled plant-based fibres.

Recycled cellulosic fibres such as LENZING™ TENCEL™ with REFIBRA™ technology. The use of this type of technology leads to a reduction in water, energy use and waste.

Mulesing free wool

Responsibly sourced merino wool, derived from sheep that have not had the skin around the tail removed. This painful procedure is intended to protect the animals from fly infestation. By verifying that sheep have not been mulesed we value animal welfare and protect animals from unnecessary harm.

Ocean Bound Plastic

Ocean Bound Plastic (OBP) is poorly managed plastic waste from around waterways and coastal areas that is on its way to the oceans from rain, wind, and tides. Collecting, recycling, and reusing OBP helps to reduce plastic pollution of our seas and oceans.

Organic Cotton

Organic cotton is grown and manufactured without the use of artificial fertilisers and pesticides and using organic agricultural standards. This verified process does not damage the soil, soil fertility is maintained, and uses less water and energy compared to conventional cotton.

Plant based leatherette

Cruelty free leatherette (made from tree barks, cork, pineapples, mushrooms, cacti, and apples, etc), prioritises animal welfare and the life of all living animals. Plant based alternatives also require fewer resources to produce (such as labour, animal feed, farmland, shelter, energy, and chemicals).

Plastics with natural fibres

These are plastics that include natural fibres (e.g. wood, jute, hemp, or flax, etc.,) that act as fillers and replace conventional petroleum-based plastic feedstock. This reduces the consumption and dependence on petroleum-based non-renewable resources.

Recycled cotton

Verified recycled or upcycled cotton uses post-industrial or post-consumer cotton waste. This means less water, chemicals, energy are used in the creation of new products and redirects waste going to landfill.

Recycled down

With the use of recycled down feathers over virgin down feathers, there is a reduction in water, energy, and waste.

Recycled leather

By recycling and reusing leather offcuts (e.g. from used furniture, shoes, and old garments), we reduce the demand for virgin leather and the harmful production processes it requires.

Recycled plastics and plastic fibres

Verified recycled plastic reduces our dependence on petroleum as a raw material for our fabric needs and diverts plastic waste such as PET bottles from waste and landfill reducing soil, air and water pollution.

Recycled rubber

By recycling rubber, we reduce the demand for natural and synthetic rubber, and the pressure on latex plantations. There is also a reduction in energy, waste in landfills, and the possibilities

of pollution of land and air through the release of toxins during denigration.

Recycled wool

Verified recycled or upcycled wool has a lower environmental footprint compared to virgin wool as fewer sheep are needed to produce wool, as well as less energy, water and chemicals being used.

Renewable plastics

Plastics made from renewable oil sources such as corn, algae, sugar cane etc. instead of petroleum oil reduces our dependence on fossil fuels. Using plants (i.e. biomass) to produce plastics constitutes a temporary removal of greenhouse gases (CO₂) from the atmosphere, as plants absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide as they grow.

Responsibly sourced bamboo

Responsibly sourced bamboo from responsibly managed forests. As a fast-growing grass, bamboo requires no fertilisers, or pesticides and less water than conventional cotton and self generates from its own roots, so doesn't need to be replanted.

Responsibly sourced cork

Responsibly sourced cork is harvested from environmentally and socially well managed forests in accordance with internationally recognised standards.

Responsibly sourced down

Down that comes from well managed farms that have a responsible approach to farming and respect the five freedoms of animal welfare.

Responsibly sourced latex and rubber

Responsibly sourced latex and rubber is produced without the clearing of natural forests, and without the reduction of CO₂ emissions from deforestation. It also avoids violations of human and labour rights.

Responsibly sourced wood

Responsibly sourced wood from responsibly managed forests, where the negative impact of logging has been minimised on nature, wildlife and surrounding local communities.

Responsibly sourced wool

Wool that comes from well managed farms that have a responsible approach to farming and respect the five freedoms of animal welfare.

Vegetable tanned leather

This process uses natural plant-based compounds (such as tree bark) for tanning allowing for a safer environment for facility workers and reduced pollution into the environment.

Production

bluesign®

The system behind bluesign® ensures that items are manufactured in a clean process that monitors over 900 hazardous chemicals. bluesign® ensures that manufacturers and brands act responsibly with regard to people, the environment and the world's resources.

Solution dye /dope dye

This is the process of permanently adding colour pigments to textile fibres at the fibre spinning stage. Compared to conventional stock dyeing processes that use a lot of water and chemicals solution/dope, dry dye process uses little water.

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bluesign® APPROVED

Each textile product is the result of a comprehensive manufacturing process. Raw materials and many other components are needed for this, such as dyes or chemical auxiliary materials. The bluesign® SYSTEM offers solutions for manufacturers of these components. They can have their production processes and composition of the components assessed based on the bluesign® CRITERIA. Assessed and responsibly produced components are designated as bluesign® APPROVED. Thus, step by step, there are no missing links in more responsible materials and work steps – from the raw material to the finished product.



Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard Version 4.0

The vision of C2CPII is a world where safe materials and products are designed and manufactured in a prosperous, circular economy to maximize health and well-being for people and planet. C2CPII's mission is to lead, inspire, and enable all stakeholders across the global economy to create and use innovative products and materials that positively impact people and planet. Requirements are based on the five following categories: Material Health, Product Circularity, Clean Air & Climate Protection, Water & Soil Stewardship and Social Fairness.



EU Ecolabel

The EU Ecolabel is a label of environmental excellence that is awarded to products and services meeting high environmental standards throughout their life-cycle: from raw material extraction, to production, distribution and disposal.



FAIRTRADE Mark

The original FAIRTRADE Mark has always stood for fairly produced and fairly traded products. It also means the product is fully traceable (kept separate from non-certified products) from farm to shelf. You see this Mark on single-ingredient products, such as bananas and coffee.



FSC Certification

FSC certification ensures that products and their corresponding materials come from responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, social and economic benefits. FSC has developed a set of 10 principles and 57 Criteria that apply to FSC-certified forests around the world.



Global Organic Textile Standard- GOTS - Organic

GOTS ensures the organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labeling in order to provide a credible assurance to the end consumer. This Standard covers the processing, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, trading and distribution of all textiles made from at least 95% certified organic natural fibers.



Global Organic Textile Standard- GOTS - Made with

GOTS ensures organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labelling in order to provide a credible assurance to the end consumer. This Standard covers the processing, manufacturing, packaging, labelling, trading and distribution of all textiles made from at least 70% certified organic natural fibres.



Global Recycle Standard- GRS

The Global Recycled Standard (GRS) is an international, voluntary, full product standard that sets requirements for third-party certification of Recycled Content; chain of custody, social and environmental practices, and chemical restrictions. Only products with at least 50% Recycled Content qualify for product-specific GRS labeling and each stage of production is required to be certified, beginning at the recycling stage and ending at the last seller in the final business-to-business transaction.



Leather Working Group- LWG

The Leather Working Group publishes audit protocols designed to assess the performance of organisations operating within the leather production sector with respect to issues surrounding environment, chemical management, procurement, best practice, health & safety, and social responsibility.

NATURTEXTIL IVN certified Best- IVN Best

The aim of this standard is to define requirements to ensure the more responsible status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labelling in order to provide a credible assurance to the final consumer. The scope of this standard covers the production, processing, manufacturing, packaging, labelling, trading and distribution of all textiles made from 100% certified organic natural fibres.



NATURLEDER IVN certified- IVN Leather Standard

The scope of this standard includes the manufacturing of responsible leathers and skins, their packaging and labeling as well as trade and distribution. Auxiliaries and process chemicals as well as the entire process are evaluated and documented for each processing step. All substances used should be assessed from extraction to disposal. Especially recommendable processes or chemicals are developed or already marked as such.



Organic Blended Content Standard- OBCS

The Organic Blended Content Standard (OBCS) is an international, voluntary standard that provides chain of custody verification for materials originating from a farm certified to recognized national organic standards. The standard is used to verify organically grown raw materials from the farm to the final product. Products with this label shown on INTERSPORT contain at least 50% of organic content.



Organic Content Standard- OCS

The Organic Content Standard (OCS) is an international, voluntary standard that provides chain of custody verification for materials originating on a farm certified to recognized national organic standards. The standard is used to verify organically grown raw materials from the farm to the final product. Products with this label contain at least 95% of organic content.



Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification- PEFC

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification is a voluntary, market-based instrument, implemented through two separate but linked processes: the responsible forest management certification assures that forests are managed in line with challenging environmental, social and economic requirements and the chain of custody certification tracks forest-based products from more responsible sources to the final product. It demonstrates that each step of the supply chain is closely monitored through independent auditing to ensure that irresponsible sources are excluded.



Rainforest Alliance Certified

The seal means that the certified product or ingredient was produced using methods that support social, economic, and environmental responsibility. Independent, third-party auditors—critical to the integrity of any certification program—evaluate farmers against requirements in all three areas before awarding or renewing certification. Our data-informed certification programs emphasize a commitment to continuous improvement, training, and clear benefits for farmers.



Recycled Blended Standard

The Recycled Claim Standard is intended for use with any product that contains at least 5% Recycled Material. Each stage of production is required to be certified, beginning at the recycling stage and ending at the last seller in the final business-to-business transaction. Material Collection and Material Concentration sites are subject to self-declaration, document collection, and on-site visits. Products with this label shown on INTERSPORT contain at least 50% of recycled content.



Recycled Claim Standard- RCS

The Recycled Claim Standard is intended for use when products use a minimum of 95% of recycled content. It cannot be blended with conventional material of the same. Each stage of production is required to be certified, beginning at the recycling stage and ending at the last seller in the final business-to-business transaction. Material Collection and Material Concentration sites are subject to self-declaration, document collection, and on-site visits.



Responsible Down Standard- RDS

All the down in the product is certified to the Responsible Down Standard, which ensures Animal Welfare verification at farms and slaughterhouses. Duck and goose farms are audited to verify that animals are treated well and that all requirements are followed. Live-plucking is not allowed. Force-feeding is not allowed. The RDS provides chain of custody verification of down and feather materials from the source to the final product.



Responsible Wool Standard- RWS

All the wool in the product is certified to the Responsible Wool Standard, which is an industry tool designed to recognize the best practices of farmers, ensuring that wool comes from farms with a progressive approach to managing their land, and from sheep that have been treated responsibly. As the RWS is an independent, voluntary standard, companies choose to become certified. On farms, the certification ensures that sheep are treated with respect to their Five Freedoms¹ and also ensures best practices in the management and protection of the land. The standard is globally applicable to all breeds of sheep, and mulesing is strictly prohibited.



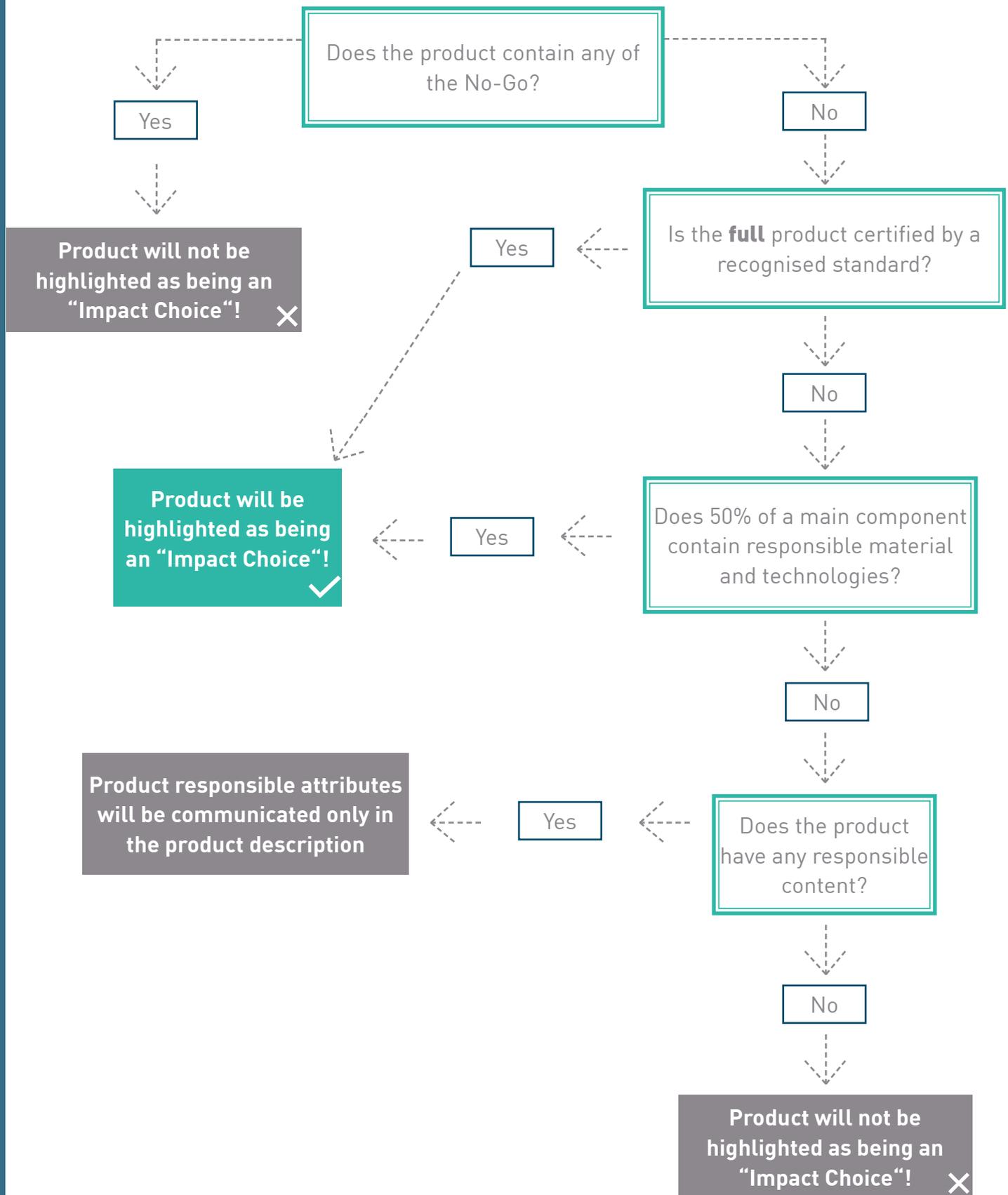
Sustainable Forestry Initiative- SFI

The SFI label helps consumers choose responsibly sourced products. Consumers are becoming increasingly aware of their purchasing decisions and when a product has an SFI label, there is an extra assurance that the fiber used to make the packaging was sourced responsibly.



¹ 1. Freedom from hunger or thirst; 2. Freedom from discomfort; 3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease; 4. Freedom to express (most) normal behavior; 5. Freedom from fear and distress.

Decision Tree : Does your product comply with our “Impact Choice” standards?



ANNEX

Apparel Detailed Component Guideline Table

Type	Sub Type	Main Component
T-shirts/ Polos Shirts Midlayers hats, gloves, socks, etc Jackets Vests Pants Tights Skirts	Fleece gloves Snow gloves	Main shell fabric Padding/Filling (down only)

Footwear Detailed Component Guideline Table

Category	Type	Main Component
FTW 1	Shoes Boots Rainboots Warm shoes	Main upper fabric Sole Padding (down only)
FTW 2	Sandals Flipflops	Main upper fabric (sandles) Sole

Hardware Detailed Component Guideline Table

Category	Type	Sub Type	Main Component
HW 1	Accessories	Fitness Acc. Training Acc. Team Sport Acc. Ski Acc. SNB Acc. Gymnastic items Visible items (reflective) Tent Acc. Camping Acc. Running Acc. Balance Yoga Acc.	consist of outer materials and components that are integral to the product.
HW2	Single material product	SUP fin Swim nose clip Strength bands Caps Towels etc	Main Component
HW 3	Foam items	Camping mats Fitness mats Swim aids Massage rollers Yoga block Bodyboards Foam balls	Foam body
HW 4	Inflatable items	Air beds & mats Self inflatable mats SUP boards Inflatable watersport Gym balls	Shell material Footpad (SUP)
HW 5	Set	SUP Sets Swim sets	Refer to single items: SUP Paddle SUP Pump iSUP board SUP Bag Swim Goggles Swim towel
HW 6	Pumps	SUP pump Foot pump Ball pumps	Body

HW 7	Backpack & Bags	Backpacks Drybag Fitness bags Teamsport Bag Trolley bags SUP Bag	Shell fabric Mesh (shoulder system) Lining & rain cover together
HW 8	Sleeping bags	Sleeping bags Sleeping bag inlets (inner sleeping bags)	Shell fabric Lining Filling
HW 9	Tents & Furniture	Tents Beach shelters Camping chairs Camping tables Kayak seats	Flysheet Inner tent Furniture tubes Chair fabric Table top
HW 10	Lights	Headlamps Torches Camping lights	Housing Head strap (headlamp only)
HW 11	Cooking	Plates Pots Cutlery	Main material
HW 12	Drinking	Metal bottles Plastic bottles Running flasks Bladders	Lid Body Full grip around body
HW 13	Poles & Paddles	Trekking poles Nordic poles Alpine Poles SUP Paddles Kayak paddles	Tubes Grip (poles not paddles) Blade
HW 14	Eyewear	Swim goggles Snorkel Mask Ski Goggles Sun glasses	Lens Strap (excluding glasses) Gasket Frame
HW 15	Fins	Swim Fins Snorkel fins Swim paddles	Footpocket & blade pocket combined Blade
HW 16	Snorkel	Snorkel Training snorkel	Snorkel tube Snorkel mouthpiece
HW 17	Racket & Sticks	Tennis Badminton Squash Table tennis Hockey stick	Frame / shaft Blade (hockey stick) Rubber facing (table tennis)
HW 18	Balls	Soccer/ Basketball / handball / volleyball Table tennis Tennis Badminton Squash	Shell material / panels

HW 19	Scoters	Adult Scooter Kids Scooter Stunt Scooter	Deck T Bar Wheels
HW 20	Skateboards	Plastic board Wood board Skimboard	Deck Wheels
HW 21	Skates	Inline Skates Quad Skates Ice Skates	Upper Lowershell + Cuff Frame + brakepad holder Wheels Blade
HW 22	Protection items	Shinguards Back protectors Knee/elbow protectors Swim Vests Helmets	Shell material Lining material Foam padding Plastic shell
HW 23	Basketball Set	Basketball Ring Basketball Board Basketball Stand	Ring (if single item) Board Base / stand Tube
HW 24	Heavy weight	Cast Iron Weight sets Kettle Bells Ankle Wrist Weights	Weight Bar Shell material
HW 25	Skis / Snowboard	Snowboard Alpine Ski Nordic Ski Binding	Composite fibres (e.g. glass, carbon) Core Topsheet Base
HW 26	Ski /Snowboard Boots	Snowboard Boots Alpine Boots Nordic Boots	Shell material Lining material Outsole (XC and Snowboard) Foam padding (Alpine and Snowboard only)
HW 27	Snowshoes	Snow shoes	Main material
HW 28	Fitness Bands	Strength Bands Fitness bands Mini bands Bands with handles	Band Handle
HW 29	Benches & Stations		Metal parts Seat shell Seat padding
HW 30	Boxing bags		Shell material Filling
HW 31	Gloves	Fitness gloves Bike gloves Boxing gloves	Shell fabric Padding (boxing gloves)
HW 32	Jump ropes		Handle Rope