

Mulch & Soil Council

Product Certification Program

Product Application For Horticultural Mulch



Section I. General Information

Date: _____

Registrant (Company) Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Name of preparer: _____ Preparer's Title: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of product as it appears on package labels: _____
(including brand name on label)

Package sizes (volume or weight): _____

Certification Category Declared (check):
 Horticultural Mulch

Note: A product may be registered at any time, and certification is valid for one year from the date of approval. Recertification is required for additional one-year periods.

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Section II. Product Description

This section must be completed to provide information about the product being certified. The information may be used to verify physical product changes and accuracy during routine audits and to establish compliance with proper labeling. Labeling must comply with the *MSC Uniform Product Guidelines for Horticultural Mulches, Soil, and Growing Media*.

PHYSICAL COMPONENTS (List components in decreasing order of volume. Be specific as to the nature of the material, such as whether it is derived from bark or wood, and to the genus of tree the material is derived from).

| | Components | % Content Range | Genus | Particle Size Range (in inches) |
|----|------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Overall Wood Content as a % Volume (range): ____ % to ____ %

The bark/wood content of this product is:

- A. Derived only from virgin forest products and contains no reprocessed* wood or C&D materials
- B. Derived from reprocessed* wood products excluding C&D materials.
- C. Derived from reprocessed* wood products and may contain C&D materials.
- D. No bark/wood content of any type is used in the manufacture of this product.

**Reprocessed/Recycled Wood as defined by the MSC UVPG is: Wood sourced from fabricated consumer or industrial products. Sources may include wood from pallets, construction and/or demolition materials that (1) have not been treated with preservatives, stain or paint; (2) contain no materials whose original manufacturer recommends against grinding or mulching; and (3) are not contaminated with any hazardous or other regulated substances.*

For responses A- C, above, please specifically describe:

A) The origin of bark/wood materials processed at your facilities:

B) What procedures are followed to detect and prevent heavy metals, regulated pesticides or other contaminants in reprocessed wood products?

Check Other Components Added:

- Limestone
- Wetting agent
- Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, or plant growth regulators (if added, give name and concentration):

Other (describe): _____

Dye/Colorant. If yes, list the manufacturer, name of the die and its application rate per cu yd:

Manufacturer: _____ Colorant: _____ Appl./cu yd: _____

Section III. Description of Quality Control Program

Does the manufacturing plant(s) where this product will be made have a formal quality control program

- Yes No

If yes, please provide a description of this process including tests done and frequency of testing.

Specifically describe weights and measures testing procedure and process for treated wood detection and control:

Section IV. Additional Materials Required with Application Form

APPLICATION FEE - MSC Member: \$200 / Nonmember: \$400

Enclose a check in the amount indicated on the fee schedule. This fee is non-refundable in the event certification is denied. Application fees are waived for renewals as long as the product and label do not change. Substantive changes to either the label or product require a new application (including labels, samples, growth test, etc.). No applications will be processed without payment of the correct application fee.

PRODUCT TESTING FEE – MSC Member: \$150 / Nonmember \$250

This fee is nonrefundable and will be used to test for treated wood content of the mulch submitted and audit samples.

LICENSE FEE — Payment of annual license fee (\$850/MSC members; \$1,700/non-members) will be required after product certification is approved.

PLEASE NOTE

PRODUCT LABEL: Product label must accompany application and appropriate fees. (An empty bag label, legible copy or PDF of the bag label is acceptable.)

PHYSICAL SAMPLE

Please include a minimum of a 1 gallon zip-lock bag or 1 cu.ft. product sample with your application.

Mail application along with application fee, testing fee and product sample to:

Mulch & Soil Council, 7809 N. FM 179, Shallowater, TX 79363 (Tel: 806.832.1810; Fax: 806.832.5244)

Section VI. Affidavit of Truth and Accuracy

I have reviewed this product application and understand its requirements. I acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and truthful.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Date: _____

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PRODUCT NAME: _____

File Number: _____ Date Application Received: _____

Action: Acceptance Denial — Indicate reason for denial:

Certification Director Approval Signature: _____ Approval Date: _____