

# EPD – Environmental Product Declaration.

In accordance with ISO 14025 for:  
Sweatshirt close the loop 7850 CLS.

Main fabric CLS: 50% recycled polyester, 50% cotton. 15% of total content is closed loop material from used workwear.

## General information

### Owner of the EPD:

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**SWEATSHIRT CLOSE THE LOOP 7850 CLS**

**Art. no 300599**

Partly made of closed loop material from used workwear / Rib-knit neck, cuffs and hem / Raglan sleeves / Brushed inside / OEKO-TEX® certified.

**MATERIAL** 50% recycled polyester, 50% cotton. 15% of total content is closed loop material from used workwear.

**WEIGHT** 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>

**COLOUR** 910 Light Grey

**SIZE** XS-3XL

# LCA information – Life cycle assessment.

Life Cycle Assessment is a method for analysing the environmental impact of a product throughout its life-cycle, from the extraction of raw materials (the cradle) to handling the waste (the grave).

## Goal of the study

An LCA study has been conducted in accordance with ISO 14044 and the requirements stated in the General Programme Instructions by The International EPD® System<sup>1</sup>. The goal of the present LCA study has been to calculate environmental impact values for Fristads' Sweatshirt close the loop 7850 CLS, to create this Environmental Product Declaration, to be used for communicating environmental performance to customers<sup>2</sup>.

## Scope of the study

The scope of the study is cradle to gate and includes all processes up and until finished garment is transported to customer, see Figure 1. Retail, use and end-of-life processes are not included in this EPD. All material and resource consumption is tracked back to the point of raw material extraction, mainly by using cradle-to-gate data<sup>3</sup> from the Ecoinvent database<sup>4</sup>. The declared unit of the study is 1 (one) garment in size L, in accordance with the Product Category Rules (PCR)<sup>5</sup>.

## Data collection

The inventory for the LCA study was carried out during 2023-2024. The data for the textile processing was provided by the Fristads' suppliers. Data for the production was collected by Fristads' staff<sup>6,7</sup>. The collected data cover all steps of the system boundary.

## Allocation

Whenever it has been necessary to partition the system inputs and outputs, mass criteria have been used in accordance with the PCR. Such situations have for example been when the share of energy and water consumption, or the wastewater treatment of an entire production plant has been allocated to the specific fabric based on the total production volume of the plant. For assembly, electricity consumption has been allocated by production time.

## Cut-off rules

The PCR states that life cycle inventory data for a minimum of 99 % of total inflows to the three life cycle stages (up-stream, core and downstream modules) shall be included and a cut-off rule of 1% regarding energy, mass and environmental relevance shall apply.

## Assumptions and limitations

Some general assumptions have been made around transport vehicles to enable use of database data from Ecoinvent to represent primary

data. Transport distances are assumed based on Google Maps distances between locations given by Fristads' suppliers. It is assumed that similar vehicles are used throughout Asia and throughout Europe respectively.

Generally, the LCA data should be used with precaution if interpreted for any other purpose than this EPD.

## Data quality

The data quality has been considerably increased by the experience from making a similar study in the past<sup>8,9</sup>. Generic data, selected generic data and proxy data has been used. It has been investigated and secured in the study that proxy data does not contribute more than 10% to the total impact of each environmental impact category, in accordance with the PCRs.

## Additional information about the LCA study

### Time representativeness:

2023

### Database(s) and LCA software used:

SimaPro version 9. 5.0.1<sup>10</sup>  
ecoinvent version 3.9.1<sup>4</sup>

### Calculation methods

The potential environmental impact for all impact categories have been calculated with the EN 15804+A2 method as implemented in SimaPro, based on EF 3.1. Use of resources are calculated with the method Cumulative Energy Demand v1.11.

### Description of system boundaries:

Cradle-to-gate

### LCA practitioner:

The LCA has been conducted by the Raw Material team at Fristads.

### Third party reviewer:

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# System diagram.

The system boundaries of this EPD are decided by the Product Category Rules (PCR) and illustrated by Figure 1.

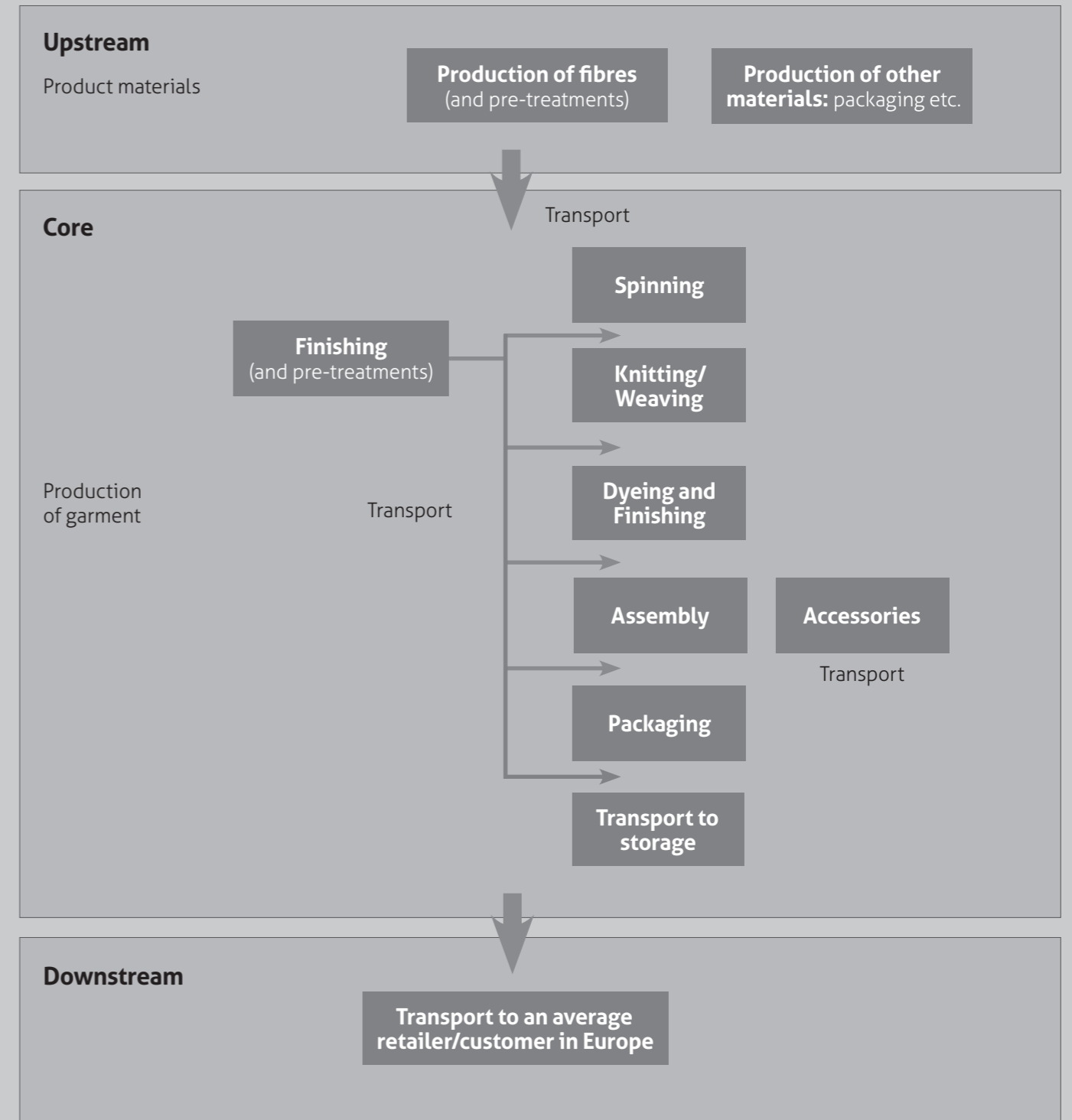


Figure 1. The system boundaries include upstream, core and downstream processes.

<sup>1</sup> EPD International. (2021a). *General Programme Instructions for the International EPD® System version 4.0*.

<sup>2</sup> Rosengren, L., Steenari, M., (2024) Life cycle assesment report - CLS collection

<sup>3</sup> Cradle-to-gate = all processes from cradle (mining site, forest etc.) to gate (until the goods is produced and ready for delivery at the factory gate).

<sup>4</sup> Ecoinvent (2023). Ecoinvent (3.9.1) Ecoinvent. <https://ecoinvent.org/the-ecoinvent-database/>

<sup>5</sup> EPD International. (2024). PCR 2019:05 Sweaters, jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, fleeces and similar garments: UN CPC 282. Product Category Rules according to ISO 14025. Version 1.0.5. Stockholm, Sweden.

<sup>6</sup> Anonymous. (2023a). *Facility L for spinning, weaving, dyeing, and finishing*.

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<sup>8</sup> EPD International. (2023). *S-P-07629 Scania Sweatshirt*

<sup>9</sup> EPD International. (2021b). *S-P-03878 High Vis Green stretch jacket class 3 4647 GSTP*.

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## Content declaration

### Sweatshirt close the loop 7850 CLS.

Content Declaration	%	Environmental/Hazardous properties
Main fabric CLS	81,5	50% Cotton, 50% recycled polyester (post-consumer)
CLS Rib	13,6	50% Cotton, 50% recycled polyester (post-consumer)
Paper trims	2,6	100% Paper
Thread polyester	1,5	100% Polyester
Care and size labels rPES_2023	0,4	100% Recycled polyester (Post-consumer)
Care and size labels_2023	0,3	100% Polyester
Thread polyester recycled	0,0	100% Recycled polyester (Post-consumer)

### Packaging

Distribution packaging: Cardboard box. Pallets are excluded from the calculations.

## Environmental performance

### Sweatshirt close the loop 7850 CLS. Declared unit size L.

#### Potential environmental impact

Parameter	Unit	Upstream	CORE	Downstream	Total	
Global warming potential (GWP)	Fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	1,17	0,884	0,0549	2,11
	Biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	-0,563	0,121	0,624	0,182
	Land use and land change	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	0,112	0,000422	0,0000267	0,113
	<b>Total</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	0,722	1,00	0,679	2,41
Acidification potential (AP)	mol H+ eq.	0,0196	0,00414	0,000179	0,0239	
Eutrophication potential (EP) - Fresh water	kg P eq.	0,000959	0,000135	0,00000384	0,00110	
Eutrophication potential (EP) - Marine	kg N eq.	0,0301	0,00117	0,0000616	0,0313	
Eutrophication potential (EP) - Terrestrial	mol N eq.	0,0802	0,0113	0,000650	0,0922	
Photochemical oxidant formation potential	kg NMVOC eq.	0,00593	0,00415	0,000267	0,0103	
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP) for fossil resources	MJ	12,5	16,3	0,778	29,6	
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP) for minerals/metals (non-fossil resources)	kg Sb eq.	0,00000647	0,00000212	0,000000176	0,00000877	
Water deprivation potential (WDP)	m <sup>3</sup> depriv.	26,6	0,127	0,00317	26,7	
Ozone depletion potential (ODP)	kg CFC 11 eq.	0,000000139	0,0000000177	0,00000000119	0,000000158	
Particulate matter	Disease inc.	0,000000164	0,0000000749	0,00000000437	0,000000243	

#### Use of resources

Parameter	Unit	Upstream	CORE	Downstream	Total	
Primary energy resources – Renewable	Use as energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value	13,4	17,2	0,827	31,4
	Used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	3,13	0	0	3,13
	<b>Total</b>	MJ, net calorific value	16,5	17,2	0,827	34,5
Primary energy resources – Non-renewable	Use as energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value	8,21	0,351	0,0121	8,58
	Used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	0,395	0	0	0,395
	<b>Total</b>	MJ, net calorific value	8,61	0,351	0,0121	8,97
Secondary material	kg	0,238	0	0	0,238	
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0	
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0	
Net use of fresh water	m <sup>3</sup>	2,80	0	0	2,80	

## Product characteristics

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Characteristic	Test method	Results
Composition	Regulation EU No 1007/2011	50% cotton, 50% Polyester
Knit	ISO 8388	French terry: Brushed backing
Mass per unit area	EN 12127	250 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Colour index	–	–
Bursting strength	ISO 13938-2	>500 kPa
Pilling test (Martindale) after 5000 rubs	EN ISO 12945-2	2-3 Grade
Stretch properties	EN 14704-1	Extension ar 15 N Lenghtwise: 21,3% Widthwise:26,8% Residual extension after 1 min relax: Lengthwise: 5,8% Widthwise: 6,7% Residual extension after 30 min relax: Lengthwise: 2,7% Widthwise: 4,2%
Dimensional change to washing	EN ISO 6330 EN ISO 5077	Lenthwise ± 5 % Widthwise ±5 %
pH of water extract	EN ISO 3071	N/A
Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test	EN ISO 105 B02	4 Grade
Colorfastness to washing	EN ISO 105 C06	Colour Change: 4, Colour staining: Acetate: 4 Cotton: 4 Nylon: 4 Polyester: 4 Acrylic: 4 Viscose: 4 Grade
Acid and alkaline perspiration	EN ISO 105 E04	Acid Colour Change: 4, Colour staining: Acetate: 4 Cotton: 4 Nylon: 4 Polyester: 4 Acrylic: 4 Viscose: 4 Alkaline Colour Change: 4, Colour staining: Acetate: 4 Cotton: 4 Nylon: 4 Polyester: 4 Acrylic: 4 Viscose: 4 Grade
Dry and wet rubbing	EN ISO 105 X12	Dry: 4-5, Wet: 4-5 Grade

## Waste production and output flows

### Waste production

Parameter	Unit	Upstream	CORE	Downstream	Total
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0	0	0	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0	0,193	0	0,193
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0	0	0	0

## Additional information

Our garments are OEKO-TEX® certified at garment level and we have a well-established programme to monitor chemical safety compliance.

The results in this EPD is for the declared unit size L, which is in the middle of Fristads' size range. Results may vary depending on the garment size within the size range.

## Programme-related information and verification

The EPD owner has the sole ownership, liability, and responsibility for the EPD. EPDs within the same product category but from different programmes may not be comparable.

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PCR review was conducted by: The Technical Committee of the International EPD® System. A full list of members available on <a href="http://www.environdec.com">www.environdec.com</a> . The review panel may be contacted via <a href="mailto:info@environdec.com">info@environdec.com</a> . Chair of the PCR review: Hüdaï Kara, Metsims Sustainability Consulting.
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Third party verifier:  Marcus Wendin, Miljögiraff AB, ( <a href="mailto:marcus@miljogiraff.se">marcus@miljogiraff.se</a> )  Approved by: The International EPD® System
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