

FREE CHECKLIST

EPD Readiness Checklist for UAE Manufacturers

40 quick checks to see if your factory is ready for an
Environmental Product Declaration

40

yes or no checks

5

readiness areas

10 min

to complete

Before You Start

An Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is a verified report on your product's impact across its whole life. Buyers, contractors and EU importers now ask for it more often.

So how ready is your factory? This checklist gives you a clear answer in about 10 minutes.

How to use this checklist

- **Tick each box** you can honestly answer "yes" to today.
- **Count your ticks** at the end of each section.
- **Add them up** and check your score on the final page.
- **Share it** with your plant, finance and sales teams. Each holds part of the answer.

The 5 readiness areas

1. Market readiness

Do you know who needs your EPD and why?

2. Product and rules

Have you chosen products, rules and a program?

3. Data readiness

Do you hold 12 months of clean factory data?

4. Team and suppliers

Who owns the work, and will suppliers help?

5. Sales readiness

Will your EPD actually help you win orders once it's live?

Why it matters now: LEED v5 projects must measure embodied carbon. EU rules ask for verified product carbon data from 2026. And UAE contractors now shortlist suppliers with EPDs before price talks.

The Checklist

1

Market readiness

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| ☐ We know which buyers or projects have asked for an EPD | Shows real demand |
| ☐ We know our top three sales markets | Decides which rules fit |
| ☐ We know if we sell, or plan to sell, to Europe | EU buyers expect EN 15804+A2 |
| ☐ We supply LEED, Estidama, Al Sa'fat or Mostadam projects | Green projects value EPDs |
| ☐ We've seen rivals publish EPDs | Signals a market shift |
| ☐ We've lost, or nearly lost, a bid over missing data | Shows the cost of waiting |
| ☐ Our leaders support getting an EPD | Keeps the project moving |
| ☐ We have a target date, such as a tender deadline | Sets a clear timeline |

Section 1 score: ____ / 8

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Product and rules

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| ☐ We've listed the products we want to cover | Sets the project scope |
| ☐ We know which products share the same process | Group EPDs save money |
| ☐ We know which product rules (PCR) apply | The wrong PCR means rework |
| ☐ We know which standard version buyers want | A2 vs older A1 matters |
| ☐ We've chosen, or shortlisted, a program operator | They publish your EPD |
| ☐ We know each product's declared unit, such as per m ² or tonne | Makes results comparable |
| ☐ We've picked our star products for their own EPD | Stops averages hiding strengths |
| ☐ We have no major process change planned this year | Avoids an early update |

Section 2 score: ____ / 8

3

Data readiness

☐	We have a bill of materials for each product	Builds the core of the study
☐	We have 12 months of DEWA, ADDC or SEWA bills	Energy drives much of the result
☐	We track diesel, gas and LPG use	Fuel is often a big carbon source
☐	We can split energy by product line	Sub-meters give exact results
☐	We record water use and discharge	Required for most EPDs
☐	We track waste types, amounts and where they go	Shows recycling efforts
☐	We know supplier distances and transport types	Feeds the transport stage
☐	Our output records cover the same 12 months	Mismatched months skew results

Section 3 score: ____ / 8

4

Team and suppliers

☐	One person owns the EPD project	Stops data getting stuck
☐	That person has time set aside for it	Data work takes weeks
☐	Production, finance and purchasing will share records	Each team holds key data
☐	We can reply to consultant questions within 2 days	Quick replies save weeks
☐	Our main suppliers will share data or their own EPDs	Real data can lower results
☐	We keep fuel, power and waste receipts	Verifiers ask for proof
☐	We can store all records in one shared folder	Makes checks fast
☐	We have a budget approved, or in review	Avoids a mid-project stall

Section 4 score: ____ / 8

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Sales readiness

☐	We know how our sales team will share the EPD	An EPD is a sales tool
☐	We have a spec pack or submittal pack to add it to	Speeds up approvals
☐	We can add it to our website's product pages	Designers search online
☐	We know which tenders we'll use it for first	Shows a quick return
☐	Our marketing team knows what we can and can't claim	Avoids greenwashing risk
☐	We plan to list it on EPD databases	Puts it in front of designers
☐	We'll set a renewal reminder before the 5-year expiry	Avoids expired proof mid-tender
☐	We want to cut our product's carbon over time	Future EPDs can prove gains

Section 5 score: ____ / 8

Your Total Score: ____ / 40

30-40: Ready

You're ready to start.
Expect a smoother, faster project.

20-29: Nearly there

Fix your gaps first, mostly in data and team, then start.

Under 20: Prepare

Start with data and a data owner. Then check again in a month.

Tip: Your lowest section shows where delays will happen. Fix that area first.

Your Next Steps

Whatever your score, these five steps move you closer to a published EPD.

1. **Name your data owner.** Give one person the job and the authority.
2. **Pull 12 months of records.** Bills, fuel logs, waste receipts and output reports.
3. **Lock your product list.** Group similar products and pick your star products.
4. **Ask your buyers.** Confirm which rules, standard and program they accept.
5. **Book a scoping call.** Get a clear plan, timeline and quote for your factory.

Common questions

How long does an EPD take? Most take 10 to 20 weeks. Clean data is the biggest time saver.

How long does it last? Most EPDs stay valid for five years.

Can one EPD cover many products? Yes, if they share the same main materials and process.

Does it work for the GCC and Europe? An EN 15804+A2 EPD from a trusted program usually supports both.

Get Expert Help With Your EPD

EnviroLink helps UAE and GCC manufacturers scope, build and publish Environmental Product Declarations. We check your data and markets first, then plan the leanest route to a sales-ready EPD.

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