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Universal Textile Technologies Streamlines NSF-140 Certification for Carpet Manufacturers with UL Environment Verified EnviroCel™ and BioCel™ Backing Systems

(May 2011, Dalton, GA) Universal Textile Technologies (UTT), the industry leader in performance based environmentally friendly carpet backings has announced their UTT BioCel, EnviroCel and EnviroCel Home backing systems have been third party verified by UL Environment, a wholly owned subsidiary of Underwriters Laboratories (UL), as meeting the requirements and criteria that a backing supplier needs for a NSF 140 certification. This important step will allow carpet manufactures to utilize UTT carpet backing that is already UL verified. This will mean less time and less paperwork by carpet manufacturers as they apply for full NSF 140 certification with UL Environment.

What this means for the industry

The significance of this news is that companies who choose UTT's elite range of carpet backings will be that much closer to making a finished product that can itself be classified NSF-140 certified. This is especially important as purchasers become increasingly educated about environmental concerns and demand products that reflect reduced environmental impacts.

"UL Environment is excited to be working with UTT to make sustainable product certification easier for carpet manufacturers," said Chris Nelson, Director of Global Commercial Development for UL Environment. "This completed project will enable those seeking NSF 140 certification through UL Environment to pursue expedited certification when using the UTT carpet backing."

UTT's verified NSF-140 ready status extends to its BioCel, EnviroCel, and EnviroCel Home product lines. This news illustrates UTT's leadership in environmentally sound manufacturing practices using "green" sourced materials in product development.

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Universal Textile Technologies supplies the carpet industry with multiple backing systems manufactured for use in mid to high-traffic commercial, hospitality, residential, corporate, healthcare, education, and lodging markets. Additional markets include synthetic turf for sports fields and synthetic grass for landscape applications. For more information, contact UTT at universal-textile.com.