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Universal Textile Technologies fulfills requirements for NSF/ANSI 140 Sustainability Assessment for Carpet, bringing clients closer to certification with their line of BioCel™ and EnviroCel™ backing systems

(November 2011, Dalton, GA) Universal Textile Technologies (UTT) announces their backing systems have been verified by NSF International, an organization committed to protecting public health and the environment, as meeting the requirements and criteria that a backing supplier needs to be NSF/ANSI 140 compliant ready. This is in addition to the previous third party verification to be NSF-140 ready by UL Environments, a wholly owned subsidiary of Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Now UTT is verified by both NSF International and the third party UL Environments to be NSF/ANSI 140 compliant ready.

The American National Standard for Sustainable Carpet (NSF/ANSI 140) establishes sustainability performance requirements for evaluating a carpet product's life-cycle and supply chain. The criteria includes evaluating the product's social and environmental performance, including labor practices, human rights, product life cycle assessment, energy efficiency, environmental management, reclamation and end-of-product-life management.

What this means for our customers

This is significant news for carpet companies who choose UTT's carpet backings. With the agreements in place through both companies, UTT's customers will now be able to expedite the process of NSF/ANSI 140 certification. This distinction is critical in a market of savvy customers who demand products that reflect their own environmental concerns and reduce environmental impact. Customers can select the company of their choice and utilize the NSF/ANSI 140 ready program to quickly add UTT's environmentally friendly polyurethane backing technology to their NSF/ANSI 140 certifications.

"Increased market demand for verified sustainable products and the US GSA requirement of NSF/ANSI 140 certification for broadloom and carpet tiles make this NSF verification for UTT both timely and important for the industry," said NSF Sustainability General Manager Tom Bruursema. "It should speed the process of certification to NSF/ANSI 140 for UTT's customers and help green the supply chain for carpet manufacturing."



UTT, an industry leader in performance based environmentally friendly carpet backings, is proud to offer their customers the finest quality products and services, and the NSF/ANSI 140 Certification extends to the BioCel™, EnviroCel™, and EnviroCel™ Home product lines.

Specific products include:

EnviroCel Laminate Plus	BioCel PFAB Cushion
EnviroCel Cushion Plus	BioCel LXT-18
BioCel Laminate Plus	BioCel LXF-24

UTT continues to be dedicated to sound manufacturing practices and “green” sourced materials.

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About Universal Textile Technologies: *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.*

About NSF International: *NSF International (nsf.org) has been testing and certifying products for safety, health and the environment since 1944. As an independent public health and safety organization, NSF’s mission is to protect human health and the environment through standards development, auditing, testing and certification for the food, water, build/construction, retail, consumer products, chemical and health science industries.*

Operating in more than 120 countries, NSF is committed to protecting human health worldwide and is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Food and Water Safety and Indoor Environment. NSF Sustainability draws upon this expertise in standards development, product assurance and certification to help companies green their products, operations, systems and supply chains. NSF also founded the National Center for Sustainability Standards, a national initiative to support the development of sustainability standard activities.