

Product-related environmental attributes

An overview

In response to increased interest on the part of public and institutional customers to environmental product information, ECMA has established a Technical Committee (**ECMA TC38**) dealing with the environmental attributes of information, communication technology and consumer electronic products.

The committee has produced a Technical Report (**ECMA TR/70** - Product-related environmental attributes) presenting a catalogue of product parameters related to the environment; every attempt has been made to take into consideration those attributes that are environmentally significant and of current interest to the general and buying public.

The parameters have been organised into self-declaration data sheets which can be used by manufacturers and suppliers in the marketing of their products. **ECMA TR/70** contains examples of these supplier declarations for a variety of products including computers, monitors, printers, television receivers, VCRs, etc.

Because of the evolving and dynamic nature of this topic, the Technical Committee is periodically updating and revising the report and the associated declaration sheets.

ECMA encourages manufacturers and suppliers to produce these declarations and procurement organizations to request them. The use of a **TR/70** type declaration would be a clear indication of industry's voluntary support of and emphasis on matters related to the environment.