

# Mulch & Soil Council

## Product Certification Program

### Product Application For Horticultural Mulch



#### Section I. General Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registrant (Company) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of preparer: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of product as it appears on package labels: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(including brand name on label)*  
 Package sizes (volume or weight): \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Category Declared (check):  
 Horticultural Mulch

Note: A product may be registered at any time, and certification is valid for one year from the date of approval. Recertification is required for additional one-year periods.

#### Section II. Product Description

This section must be completed to provide information about the product being certified. The information may be used to verify physical product changes and accuracy during routine audits and to establish compliance with proper labeling. Labeling must comply with the *MSC Uniform Product Guidelines for Horticultural Mulches, Soil, and Growing Media*.

**PHYSICAL COMPONENTS** (List components in decreasing order of volume. Be specific as to the nature of the material, such as whether it is derived from bark or wood, and to the genus of tree the material is derived from).

	Components	% Content Range	Genus	Particle Size Range (in inches)
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Overall Wood Content as a % Volume (range): \_\_\_\_ % to \_\_\_\_ %

The bark/wood content of this product is:

- A. Derived only from virgin forest products and contains no reprocessed\* wood or C&D materials
- B. Derived from reprocessed\* wood products excluding C&D materials.
- C. Derived from reprocessed\* wood products and may contain C&D materials.
- D. No bark/wood content of any type is used in the manufacture of this product.

*\*Reprocessed/Recycled Wood as defined by the MSC UVPG is: Wood sourced from fabricated consumer or industrial products. Sources may include wood from pallets, construction and/or demolition materials that (1) have not been treated with preservatives, stain or paint; (2) contain no materials whose original manufacturer recommends against grinding or mulching; and (3) are not contaminated with any hazardous or other regulated substances.*

For responses A- C, above, please specifically describe:

A) The origin of bark/wood materials processed at your facilities:

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B) What procedures are followed to detect and prevent heavy metals, regulated pesticides or other contaminants in reprocessed wood products?

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Check Other Components Added:

- Limestone
- Wetting agent
- Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, or plant growth regulators (if added, give name and concentration):

- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- Dye/Colorant. If yes, list the manufacturer, name of the die and its application rate per cu yd:  
 Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Colorant: \_\_\_\_\_ Appl./cu yd: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section III. Description of Quality Control Program**

Does the manufacturing plant(s) where this product will be made have a formal quality control program

- Yes  No

If yes, please provide a description of this process including tests done and frequency of testing.

Specifically describe weights and measures testing procedure and process for treated wood detection and control:

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## Section IV. Additional Materials Required with Application Form

**APPLICATION FEE** - MSC Member: \$200 / Nonmember: \$400

Enclose payment in the amount indicated on the fee schedule. This fee is non-refundable in the event certification is denied. Application fees are waived for renewals so long as the product and label do not change. Substantive changes to either the label or product require a new application (including labels, samples, growth test, etc.). ***No applications will be processed without payment of the correct application & testing fees AND product test samples.***

**PRODUCT TESTING FEE** – MSC Member: \$150 / Nonmember \$250

This fee is nonrefundable and will be used to test for treated wood content of the mulch submitted and audit samples.

**LICENSE FEE** — Payment of annual license fee (\$850/MSC members; \$1,700/non-members) will be required after product certification is approved.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**PRODUCT LABEL:** Product label must accompany application and appropriate fees. (An empty bag label, legible copy or PDF [e-mailed to [certification@mulchandsoilcouncil.org](mailto:certification@mulchandsoilcouncil.org)] of the bag label is acceptable.)

### **PHYSICAL SAMPLE**

Please include a minimum of a 1 gallon zip-lock bag or 1 cu.ft. product sample with your application.

**SEND: 1) application, 2) application fee, 3) testing fee, 4) product label, and 5) product sample to:**  
**Mulch & Soil Council, 7809 N. FM 179, Shallowater, TX 79363** (Tel: 806.832.1810; Fax: 806.832.5244)

## Section V. Affidavit of Truth and Accuracy

I have reviewed this product application and understand its requirements. I acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and truthful.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section VI. Payment Method

Check Enclosed

Credit Card:

VISA       MC       AmEx

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Dt.: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR MSC USE ONLY**

PRODUCT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

File Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Action:  Acceptance       Denial — Indicate reason for denial:

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Certification Director Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_