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TenCate takes the lead on leadfree turf

TenCate announces that it has discontinued the use of lead in its artificial turf products ahead of voluntary standards called for by the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC).

Following earlier publicity around lead present in some artificial turf, the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) has released a statement that all artificial turf is safe to play on. In the release issued yesterday, the CPSC stated that there is no health risk to young children playing on synthetic fields and that parents should not be concerned about harmful levels of lead in artificial turf.

The CPSC based its statements on investigations of several fields, new and old. While the exposure in all cases was below the critical level of 15 microgram/day, the CPSC is calling for voluntary industry standards to preclude the use of lead in future products. See the CPSC statement at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml08/08348.html>

Ahead of this call by the US CPSC, TenCate has taken the initiative and completely discontinued the use of lead and other heavy metals in the manufacture of its turf products.

Since years, the vast majority of TenCate turf products have been "heavy metal free", meaning that no lead or other heavy metals are added at any stage of the production process. For a small volume of products, lead chromate was used to make bright colored products with excellent UV resistance.

With its initiative TenCate warrants that all of its products produced as of today's date conform to the critical German LAGA standard for heavy metal and DIN 18035-7 for leaching of heavy metals.

The use of artificial turf increases the performance of athletes and reduces the risk of injuries to the player.

The installation of TenCate artificial turf eliminates the use of harmful pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides and fungicides. Artificial turf requires no mowing, fertilizing, reseeding or watering.