

EDGE CASE LOG

Technical Working Group

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- *Edge cases* are the unusual or non-standard situations that do not fit neatly into the Better Stands 10-step framework or on-site guidance as it currently stands. They might not come up at every event, but when they do, consistent handling is essential to avoid conflicting interpretations between assessors.
- The Edge Case Log is a central record detailing how these edge cases are handled.
- It is managed by the Technical Working Group and shared with the Assessors Working Group.
- Decisions are made by majority vote.
- Technical Working Group meetings are held quarterly, but additional meetings may be arranged if urgent decisions are required.

UPDATES TO LOG

- *4 September 2025*
 - Version 1

- *4 December 2025*
 - Version 1.1
EC-002 (How to categorise cardboard booths) has been changed to 'pending' since being shared with the Assessor Group. Agreed we need more information to decide on how cardboard booths should be treated – will arrange a cardboard booth expert to share more information.

 - EC-003 and EC-004 combined into one edge case (EC-003) - Agreed that a product is never assessed, unless it is **affixed** to a stand element, or used as the stand element.

- *13 February 2026*
 - EC-008 added

EDGE CASE LOG – EC001

Status	Follow-up Action
Resolved	N/A



Case ID	EC-001
Date	13/06/25
Description	Exhibitor stores a stand element at their office between use at exhibitions. e.g. counter and decorative arch.
Issue / ambiguity	Does this count as reuse?
Agreed approach	Counts as reuse.
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items used again in exhibition context • Intention is correct

Reference Materials



EDGE CASE LOG – EC002

Status	Follow-up Action
Pending	Technical Group to seek input from cardboard booth expert.



Case ID	EC-002
Date	04/10/25
Description	A service provider builds out of cardboard.
Issue / ambiguity	What category does it sit in? graphics and decorative item (10) or something else?
Agreed approach	TBC
Rationale	TBC

Reference Materials



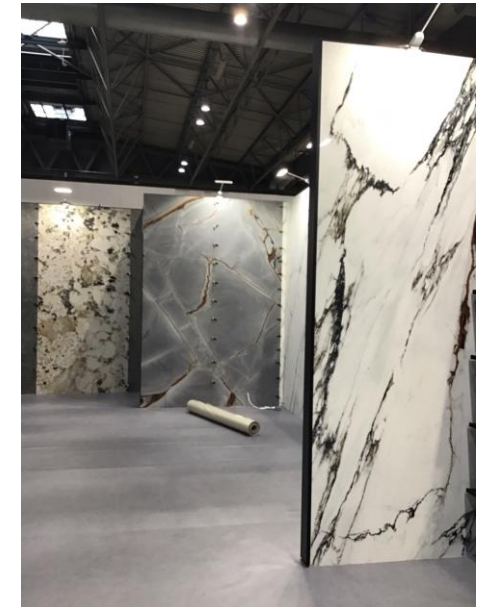
EDGE CASE LOG – EC003

Status	Follow-up Action
Resolved	Share with Assessor group.



Case ID	EC-003
Date	04/12/25
Description	How do we address exhibitor products?
Issue / ambiguity	Are there situations where products/exhibits are assessed within the Better Stands Framework?
Agreed approach	<p>Exhibitor products are not assessed within the framework <u>unless</u> they are affixed to a stand element or used as a stand element (e.g a walling element made from chairs on a booth for a furniture seller).</p> <p>Products displayed freely or placed on a surface are not assessed.</p> <p>Ancillary 'products' brought specifically to demonstrate a product are also not assessed, such as concrete walls to test power tools on or a burnable item on a fire suppression show.</p> <p>However, products used to build an element of the stand, such as a wall, are assessed. e.g. tiles used as walling in a tiling show (see right) or plastic crates stacked to create a wall at a plastic show, carpeting used for floor covering in a flooring show etc.</p> <p>Additionally, if a product is affixed to a stand element in a way that that stand element is destroyed/cannot be reused, then you assess that as single use if the element has not been used before. e.g. tiling an old stock panel with product tiles, when it has been previously used, counts as reusable even if disposed of. However, if a new stock panel with tiles affixed is not being used again, the structure and walling is classed as disposable</p>
Rationale	The Better Stands Framework is designed to assess the reusability of stands, not the products or exhibits an exhibitor is showcasing. Exhibitor products are inherently variable and fall outside the scope of stand construction. Assessing them would introduce inconsistencies, as products are not part of the stand-building process and are often not controlled by Service Providers.

Reference Materials



EDGE CASE LOG – EC005

Status	Follow-up Action
Resolved	N/A



Case ID	EC-005
Date	13/06/25
Description	Real plants used on stands that are taken away by Contractors/Exhibitors, or given to staff.
Issue / ambiguity	Whether this counts as reuse/recycling.
Agreed approach	Counts as reuse/ recycling.
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sits in Cat 10 where recycling is accepted • Intention is correct

Reference Materials



EDGE CASE LOG – EC006

Status	Follow-up Action
Resolved	N/A



Case ID	EC-006
Date	13/06/25
Description	Carpet and graphics being repurposed vs disposed e.g. carpet being repurposed for the protection of equipment, or graphics sewn into tote bags.
Issue / ambiguity	Whether this counts as reuse/recycling.
Agreed approach	Counts as reuse/ recycled.
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is viewed as downcycling. • Sits in Cat 9 & 10 where recycling (downcycling) is accepted. • Intention is correct

Reference Materials



EDGE CASE LOG – EC007

Status	Follow-up Action
Resolved	N/A



Case ID	EC-007
Date	13/06/25
Description	How to classify typical frame and fabric graphics where fabric has a non-recyclable silicone bead around the edge to hold it in place.
Issue / ambiguity	Whether using stretch fabric with silicone beading defaults to achieve reuse/recycling in Cat 10.
Agreed approach	No – use of this material alone does not default to achieve reuse/recycling in Cat 10.
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of this material alone does not guarantee it will be reused/recycled. • The silicon beading forms a de minimis volume, so if they state or ideally can prove that they strip the silicone off and recycle the main fabric, or if they can show that the graphics are reused, then they can obtain gold.

Reference Materials



EDGE CASE LOG – EC008

Status	Follow-up Action
Open	Steerco to discuss.



Reference Materials

Case ID	EC-008
Date	13/06/25
Description	How do we treat a stand element that has been used multiple times, but has come to it's end of life and will now be disposed of post-show.
Issue / ambiguity	Whether a rating or certificate is issued, and what type.
Agreed approach	TBD
Rationale	TBD

EDGE CASE LOG – EC009

Status	Follow-up Action
Open	Technical Group to discuss.



Case ID	EC-009
Date	13/02/2026
Description	How do we treat wall material inserts, such as rock-wool for sound proofing?
Issue / ambiguity	Whether the material is assessed under the framework, and what category.
Agreed approach	Treat material used for wall inserts under Cat 1. If disposed of, it may fall under 10% rule.
Rationale	Material is placed in-between wall panelling rather than being affixed on the outside.

Reference Materials

