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## Bekaert Adds to Its Green Manufacturing Resume

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Bekaert Specialty Films recently announced it has added ISO 14001:2004 certification to its environmental resume. Officials for the San Diego, Calif.-based company say it was the first specialized film manufacturer to certify and publish its carbon footprint, the first to join the Clinton Climate Initiative and that it has also been recognized as a Climate Action Leader by the California Climate Action Registry.

ISO 14001 is an international standard aimed at reducing the ecological footprint of a business and thereby decreasing pollution and waste.

"ISO 14001:2004 certification is an extension of our commitment to protecting the environment and ensuring the health and safety of employees, customers and the communities in which we operate," says Bekaert Specialty Films president Christophe Fremont. "More and more companies are prioritizing window film in their budgets, and our environmental standards will give them confidence that our products are the right choice to achieve their energy savings goals."

To achieve ISO 14001:2004 certification, Bekaert was required to establish an Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure the company's activities and products have minimal impact on the environment. The EMS helps monitor and improve energy efficiency, resource conservation, waste management and chemical control, according to company officials, but they also say it aims to reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing operations, improves the work environment and creates cross-functional teams to foster awareness, and enhances relations with the community, regulators and stakeholders.