

EcoFly version 1.5 has now been released and contains a number of enhancements. These include connections into EIA Track, enhancement of the create similar parts tool and the import of data into planning..

Create Similar Parts

The create similar parts tool has been updated to include processing, distribution and packaging of parts. It is used for families of parts that have roughly the same material percentage compositions. It works by selecting or entering a single part into a temporary table, then duplicating it as often as required modifying the details such as part number and weight. A single click of the button then generates all the parts in the parts database along with the material, process, packaging and distribution environmental performance data.

EIA Track

Version 1.5 now has links to EIA Track from the substance, material, product and requirements databases. Depending on the database and record being viewed it automatically displays what documents and legislation is relevant to that record. For instance if you are in the 'refrigerator' record in products it will show 5 regulatory alerts, 2 special reports, 12 reports and substances, and 2 laws. This is in addition the reports and legislation found under the documents tab in EcoFly. To view the documents in EIA you will though need to subscribe to EIA Track.

Importing Existing Product Data into Planning

The existing tool to copy data from an existing product into the planning record of a new product as a starting point for setting planning targets has been expanded so it can be done independently for each of the life cycle stages. There is a button and drop down list of existing products in the materials, process, distribution, use and end-of-life tabs. Selecting the program and then the button copies all the data over.

Other Changes

Other changes introduced include:

- Ability to generate mini-reports for an environmental parameter from the main detail design graphs tab. Mini-report includes graph and detailed results for the parameter such as CO₂, hazardous waste etc, and the top 5 causes for each life-cycle stage.
- A link to the management of all actions from the main detail design page. Note an action has to be implemented in planning before it can be seen in detail design.

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