Executive Summary

Back Printing Task Group
Team of manufacturer representatives sponsored by the Carpet & Rug Institute to consider a specific challenge related to post-consumer recycling of broadloom carpet and carpet tile.

Challenge
Post-consumer recyclers of broadloom carpet and carpet tile need a simple way to identify the face fiber content. Technology currently in use is expensive and temperamental.

Solution
Manufacturers of broadloom carpet and carpet tile will participate in voluntary program through Carpet & Rug Institute. Additional information will be printed on the backing of broadloom carpet and carpet tile.

1. Broadloom carpet – Fiber type/blend code
2. Carpet tile – Fiber type/blend code & backing system code

Phases
Back Printing Task Group propose two phases to help with cost justification and implementation.

1. Broadloom Carpet – Projected implementation date on 12/13/2016

Requirements
Back Printing Task Group worked with C.A.R.E. representation to identify proper fiber type/blend coding and desired frequency. Also worked to identify proper backing system coding and desired frequency.

Recommendation
Back Printing Task Group recommends that “Back Printing Guidelines” be considered minimum requirements for all manufacturers participating in this voluntary program.