



Eco Mark News

The Eco Mark is a voluntary program ran by Japan Environment Association. Contract fees from licensing companies and application fees from applicants cover whole budget for our activities. In this "Eco Mark News", the information related to Eco Mark Program such as newly selected Eco Mark product category and proposals for certification criteria is provided on the basis of the "Guidelines for Eco Mark Program Implementation".

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Eco Mark products exhibition

Eco Mark consultation meeting



We had a booth at the 2nd Environment and Welfare Business Fair in Kumamoto at GrandMesse Kumamoto on Feb. 4-6.
We had a consultation meeting as well as Eco Mark products exhibition.

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Annex 2: Draft of Enlarged Scope of Applicable Products for Eco Mark Product Category "Digital Printers Version1.0 (draft)"

Annex 3: Partial Revision of Eco Mark Product Category No.117 "Copier" and No.122 "Printers"

Annex 4: Eco Mark Product Category No.118 "Plastic Products Version2.0 (draft)"

Annex 5: Partial Revision of Eco Mark Product Category No.112 "Stationery/Office Supplies Version1.0", No.131 "Civil Engineering Products Version1.0" (Excerpts of the Revised Sections only for Annex 3 and 5)

* Annexes are separate from our newsletter and please contact our office if you wish to obtain them. They are also available on our website.

Committee Report/Decisions

Eco Mark Committee for Establishing Category and Criteria (33rd meeting)

The 33rd Eco Mark Committee for Establishing Category and Criteria (EMCECC, Chairman: Prof. Takashi Gunjima, Doshisha Univ.) was held on February 23, 2005 at Japan Environment Association. After the discussion, the following decisions were made;

Decisions

- Primary assessment of 2 categories presented at the 33rd meeting of the EMCECC was conducted. As a result, none was subjected to secondary assessment. Also, “Dampening Solution and Appliance for Offset Printing” which had been given objection to the decision of deliberation at the 30th EMCECC was also not subjected to secondary assessment.
- It was decided that certification criteria for Eco Mark product category No.132 “Toner Cartridges Version1.0” is to be established on March 15, 2005.
- Partial revision of certification criteria for Eco Mark product category No.112 “Stationery/Office Supplies Version1.0” and No.131 “Civil Engineering Products Version1.0” that are submitted by Eco Mark Committee for Product Certification was approved and decided to be revised on February 23, 2005.
- Eco Mark product category No.117 “Copier” and No.122 “Printers” that are submitted by Eco Mark Committee for Product Certification was approved and decided to be revised on April 20, 2005.
- It was decided that draft certification criteria for Eco Mark product category No.118 “Plastic Products Version2.0 (draft)” is to be opened to public (scheduled to be established on September 1, 2005).
- Enlargement of scope of applicable products for “Digital Printers Version1.0” will be publicized. (Revision of Applicable Products will be made after “Digital Printers Version1.0” is established.)

Status of Certification Criteria (as of Mar. 15, 2005)

Classification	Category No.	Category	Period of Open to Public	Date of Establishment/Revision/Discontinuance	Certification Criteria	Status
Establishment	132	Toner Cartridges Version1.0	2004.9.1-2004.10.30	2005.3.15	Annex 1	Closed
To be Established	116	Water-saving Equipments Version2.0	2005.1.15-2005.3.15	2005.5.1 (scheduled)	-	Closed
	-	Digital Printers Version1.0				
	-	Watches abd Clocks Version1.0				
	117	Copier Version2.0	2004.11.1-2004.12.30	Establishment is postponed		
Announcement of Draft	118	Plastic Products Version2.0	2005.3.15-2005.5.13	2005.9.1 (scheduled)	Annex 4	Open
	-	Enlargement of scope of applicable product for Digital Printers Version1.0	2005.3.15-2005.5.13	2005.7.1 (scheduled)	Annex 2	
Announcement of Discontinuance	117	Copier	2004.11.1-2004.12.30	Discontinuance is postponed	-	Closed
Partial Revision	112	stationery/Office Supplies Version1.0	-	2005.2.23	Annex 5	-
	117	Copier		2005.4.20	Annex 3	
	122	Printers				
	131	Civil Engineering Products Version1.0		2005.2.23	Annex 5	

Announcement of Draft Certification Criteria

A Draft of Enlarged Scope of Applicable Products for Eco Mark Product Category “Digital Printers Version1.0 (Draft)” and Announcement of Draft Certification Criteria No.118 “Plastic Products Version2.0 (Draft)”

A Draft of Enlarged Scope of Applicable Products for “Digital Printers Version1.0 (draft)” and announcement of Eco Mark Product Category No.118 “Plastic Products Version2.0 (draft)” are decided as Annex 2 and 4. We will accept opinions against this draft announcement from Mar. 15 (Tue) to May 13 (Fri), 2005. For details on submitting opinions, please refer to the following;

Acceptance of Opinions on the Proposed Criteria of Product Category

Please send following matters in either way;

- Address, Name, Sex, Occupation, Contact Address, Telephone number, Fax number
- Name of the certification criteria for Eco Mark product category to give opinion
- Opinions on the above proposal criteria

(1) Acceptance by mail and Fax

The above matters should be sent in writing (on A4 size paper) to the address or FAX number below by May 13 (Fri), 2005 (postmark effective).

Criteria Section, Eco Mark Office, Japan Environment Association

Prime Kamiyacho Building 2F, 1-11-9 Azabudai, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0041 FAX: +81-3-5114-1257

(2) Acceptance by e-mail

The above matters should be sent to the address below by 17:00, May 13 (Fri), 2005 by e-mail. When you attach a file to e-mail, please use MS-Word, Ichitaro, or Excel format.

Criteria Section, Eco Mark Office, Japan Environment Association

e-mail: ecomark@japan.email.ne.jp

Contact: Criteria Section, Eco Mark Office (03-5114-1255)

* We do not accept your opinions by telephone.

Important Information

Postponement of Establishment of the Product Category No.117 “Copier Version2.0”

We postpone the date of establishment of Eco Mark Product Category No.117 Copiers Version2.0, although we have announced that the date of establishment was scheduled for March 1, 2005, after the deliberation reflecting those opinions given. The deliberation is still under way in Working Group. We, therefore, extend the validity date of current product category No.117 “Copier” until the date before the new certification criteria (Version2.0) is established.

Revision of Eco Mark Usage Fee

As we have announced in Eco Mark News No.51 (July 1, 2004), No.49 (April 20, 2004) and No.40 (April 20, 2003), we will revise the Eco Mark Usage Fee which will be linked to the annual sales of each company from the certification contracted after April 1, 2005. For individual contract, we will send the notification accordingly. Please follow the procedure described in it. (We have already sent the notification for some licensees.)

Information

Our Policy to Deal with “Reused Products”

We had meetings on “Reusable Products” as Eco Mark Product Category (the 1st: October 12, 2004, the 2nd: November 24, 2004). Based on the report of the meetings above and the 33rd Eco Mark Committee for Establishing Category and Criteria, we decided to consider further at a small committee on LCA technical evaluation (tentative) stipulating the definition of “reuse” at Eco Mark.

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Products and/or services including second hand products that have large potential in reducing the environmental burden by reusing them. Products, however, which have been already handled by the certain market mechanism, should be excluded. Following elements should be met;

- 1) Reuse products should have the equivalent function to that of brand-new products.
- 2) Products should be designed for reuse at the production stage.
- 3) The system for collection and reuse should be established. (At least, it is desirable that the system has been tested.)

“Repeatedly Usable Filtering Material for Protection against Dust” and “Reuse Pump Using Recycled Products” proposed as new product categories will be discussed at the small committee on LCA technical evaluation (tentative).

New “Eco Mark and Green Purchasing Law Designated Procurement Items” is Published

Brochure which contains comparison and correspondence of Eco Mark and Green Purchasing Law Designated Procurement Items for year 2005 is published. It is available as PDF file on Eco Mark website. Please make a use of it.

Events

Announcement Featuring an Actress Tomoko Nakajima! Advertising Article in Magazine “ecomom” (published by Nikkei Business Publications, Inc.) and Tie-up Events

A magazine “ecomom” is a free paper targeting at housewives in 20's to 30's with a conceptual idea of “Let's start the life friendly for family and nature”. Eco Mark Office features Mrs. Tomoko Nakajima, an actress, for the advertising article in the March 15 issue to learn about the Eco Mark with readers and promote their interest in order to popularize Eco Mark.

We collaborate with Mitsukoshi Department Store and Nikkei Business Publications, Inc. organizing the tie-up events including talk shows featuring Mrs. Tomoko Nakajima. Events start in April and the first venue is set for Mitsukoshi Nagoya Sakae Store followed by other Mitsukoshi stores in Sapporo, Fukuoka and Nihonbashi (main store) sequentially.



Mrs. Tomoko Nakajima

Report Exhibition of Eco Mark Products at Tokyo Metropolitan Green Forum

We had an Eco Mark Products Corner (venue: Tokyo Metropolitan Governmental Office Reception Hall, the 1st building) at Tokyo Metropolitan Green Forum held on February 14, 2005. Some Eco Mark licensees participated in the exhibition and about 480 people actually touched the products and deepened their understanding toward Eco Mark.

[Exhibitors (omit titles from names)] asICS Japan, Sekisui Life-Tec Co., Ltd., ZEBRA Co.,Ltd.,
Mitsubishi Pencil Co.,Ltd., PILOT Corporation, Pentel Co.,Ltd.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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