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The Eco Mark is a voluntary program ran by Japan Environmental Association. Contract fees from licensing companies 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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Announcement of Draft Certification Criteria

Following three draft certification criteria are open to public for comments (from March 1 to April 29);

1. No.121 "Returnable Containers/Packaging Materials 2.0"
2. No.138 "Refill Containers/Resource Saving Containers Version1.0"
3. No.139 "Biodegradable Plastic Products Version1.0"

Please refer to the description in the next page for comments submission.

Partial Revision of Certification Criteria

Following eight certification criteria were partially revised on Feb. 9;

1. No.106 "Paper for Communication Version2.3"
2. No.107 "Printing Paper Version2.3"
3. No.112 "Stationery/Office Supplies Version1.5"
4. No.113 "Packaging Paper Version2.2"
5. No.114 "Paper Packaging Materials Version2.2"
6. No.130 "Furniture Version1.2"
7. No.131 "Civil Engineering Products Version1.5"
8. No.132 "Toner Cartridges Version1.0"

Extension of Validity Period of Certification Criteria

1. No.109 "Tile-blocks Version2.0"
2. No.127 "Fire Extinguishers Version1.0"

Criteria Development Information

Four working group (WG)s will be set up to review following certification criteria:

1. Printing Ink WG

Applicable product category: No.102 “Printing Ink Version2.1”

2. Paper WG

Applicable product categories: No.106 “Information Paper Version2.2”, No.107 “Printing Paper Version 2.2”, No.108 “Sanitary Paper Version2.2”, No.113 “Wrapping Paper Version2.1”

3. Tile-blocks WG

Applicable product category: No.109 “Tile-blocks Version2.1”

4. Fire Extinguishers WG

Applicable product category: No.127 “Fire Extinguishers Version1.0”

How to Submit Comments on the Draft Certification Criteria
Please write the following matters and send to the destination described below by regular mail, Fax or e-mail; -Address, Name, Occupation, Contact telephone number, FAX number, e-mail address -Name of the certification criteria for Eco Mark product category to give opinion -Opinions on the above proposal criteria *When you send by mail or Fax, please write these matters on A4 size paper. *When you attach a file to e-mail, please use MS-Word or Excel format. Due date of submission: April 29 (Sun), 2007 *Postmark on the above date is effective for regular mail. Please send e-mail by 17:00. Destination: Criteria Section, Eco Mark Office, Japan Environment Association Address: DaVinci Kamiyacho 2F, 1-11-9, Azabudai, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0041 FAX: +81-3-5114-1257 e-mail: ecomark@japan.email.ne.jp Contact: Criteria Section, Eco Mark Office (TEL 03-5114-1255) *Please understand that we do not accept your opinions by telephone.