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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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Establishment of Certification Criteria

Following three certification criteria was established on November 1;

1. No.123 "Building Products (Materials for Interior Work) Version2.1"

Addition: interior board, insulation material, sound absorbent, acoustical and vibration insulation

2. No.137 "Building Products (Materials for Exterior Finish and Construction) Version 1.0"

Addition: plastic material for deck, wooden/plastic recycled compounds, storm water storage

3. No.138 "Building Products (Materials for Supplies) Version 1.0"

Addition: toughened PVC tube for discharging water and aeration

Announcement of Draft Certification Criteria

Following five draft certification criteria are open to public for comments;

1. No.123 "Building Products (Materials for Interior Work) Version2.1"

Addition: vinyl floor material, slip stopper for stairs, Braille stud, free access floor, folding doors

2. No.137 "Building Products (Materials for Exterior Finish and Construction) Version 1.0"

Addition: roofing material (ceramic), armoring material (ceramic)

3. No.138 "Building Products (Materials for Supplies) Version 1.0"

Addition: residential inlet

4. No.139 "Building Products (Equipment) Version1.0"

Addition: Water-resistant pan

5. "Ink Cartridges Version1.0"

Please find table 1 in the next page for comments submission.

Partial Revision of Certification Criteria

Following four certification criteria were partially revised on October 5;

1. No.131 “Civil Engineering Products Version1.7”
2. No.123 “Building Products (Materials for Interior Work) Version2.1”
3. No.137 “Building Products (Materials for Exterior Finish and Construction) Version1.0”
4. No.138 “Building Products (Materials for Supplies) Version1.0”

Eco Mark Product Category Assessment

1 out of 9 suggestions assessed firstly and 1 suggestion assessed secondly for new product category were decided to include in existing product categories.

Extension of Term of Validity of Certification Criteria

Term of validity for 19 product categories is extended as shown as table 2.

New Product Category

Establishment of a Working Group was decided in order to develop new product category “shoes”.

Table 1:

How to Submit Comments on the Draft Certification Criteria
<p>Please write the following matters and send to the destination described below by regular mail, Fax or e-mail;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-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 <p>*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.</p> <p>Due date of submission: December 30 (Sun), 2007 *Postmark on the above date is effective for regular mail. Please send e-mail by 17:00.</p> <p>Destination: Criteria and Certification 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</p>

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*Please understand that we do not accept your opinions by telephone.

Table 2: Extension of term of validity of Certification Criteria

Category No.	Category	Current expiration date	Extended expiration date
102	Printing Ink Version2	2008/12/17	2010/12/31
110	Biodegradable Lubricating Oil Version2	2009/1/9	2012/1/31
103	ClothesVersion2	2009/3/31	2010/3/31
104	Household Textile Products Version2	2009/3/31	2010/3/31
105	Textile Products for Industrial Use Version2	2009/3/31	2010/3/31
106	Paper for Communication Version2	2009/3/31	2010/3/31
107	Printing Paper Version2	2009/3/31	2010/3/31
108	Sanitary Paper Version2	2009/3/31	2010/3/31
125	Garbage Disposer Version1	2009/3/31	2011/3/31
111	Board Made of Wood or the Like Version2	2009/6/30	2010/6/30
114	Paper Packaging Materials Version2	2009/6/30	2011/6/30
115	Products Using Thinned-out Wood, Reused Wood, etc.Version2	2009/6/30	2010/6/30
128	Household Commodity Version1	2009/6/30	2010/6/30
129	Recycled Soap Made from Cooking Oil Version1	2009/6/30	2010/6/30
130	Furniture Version1	2009/6/30	2011/6/30
109	Tile-blocks Version2	2009/8/31	2011/8/31
112	Stationery/Office Supplies Version1	2009/8/31	2011/8/31
113	Packaging Paper Version2	2009/8/31	2010/3/31
131	Products for Civil Engineering Version1	2010/1/14	2011/1/31