



## Singapore Green Labelling Scheme SGLS, SGLS+

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# About Singapore Environment Council

- The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is an independently managed, non-profit and non-governmental organisation (NGO) and an institution of public character (IPC).
- As a thought leader on environmental sustainability, SEC influences thinking and practices by engaging the 3P sectors (People, Private and Public) through a range of holistic programmes such as the Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards (SEAA), School Green Awards (SGA), Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS), and other certification programmes, including Eco-Office Plus, Eco-Shop, Eco-F&B and Eco-Event.
- Our Training and Education arm provides the community and business sectors with the opportunity to develop awareness, knowledge, skills and tools to protect and improve our environment for a more sustainable future.

# About Singapore Green Labelling Scheme

- SGLS started in 1992 by the Ministry of the Environment, SGLS+ which covers only category 74 for pulp and paper products was launched in 2017
- SEC took over the administration of SGLS in 1999, and joined the Global Eco-labelling Network in 2003
  - Awarded GENICES accreditation in 2011, and ISO 17065 in 2018
- Covers over 3,800 unique products certified across 43 countries, with 81 product categories
- Singapore's leading environmental standard and certification mark
- Helps public identify environmentally preferred products that meet stringent eco-standards
- Singapore Green Label is a Type 1 Ecolabel, independently verified by 3<sup>rd</sup> party based on lifecycle considerations.
- Addresses the main environmental impacts of a given product and places limits for compliancy in order to reduce these impacts.
- In order to certify a product under SGLS, a product must be placed under one of the SGLS product categories and meet all the requirements for the specified product category.

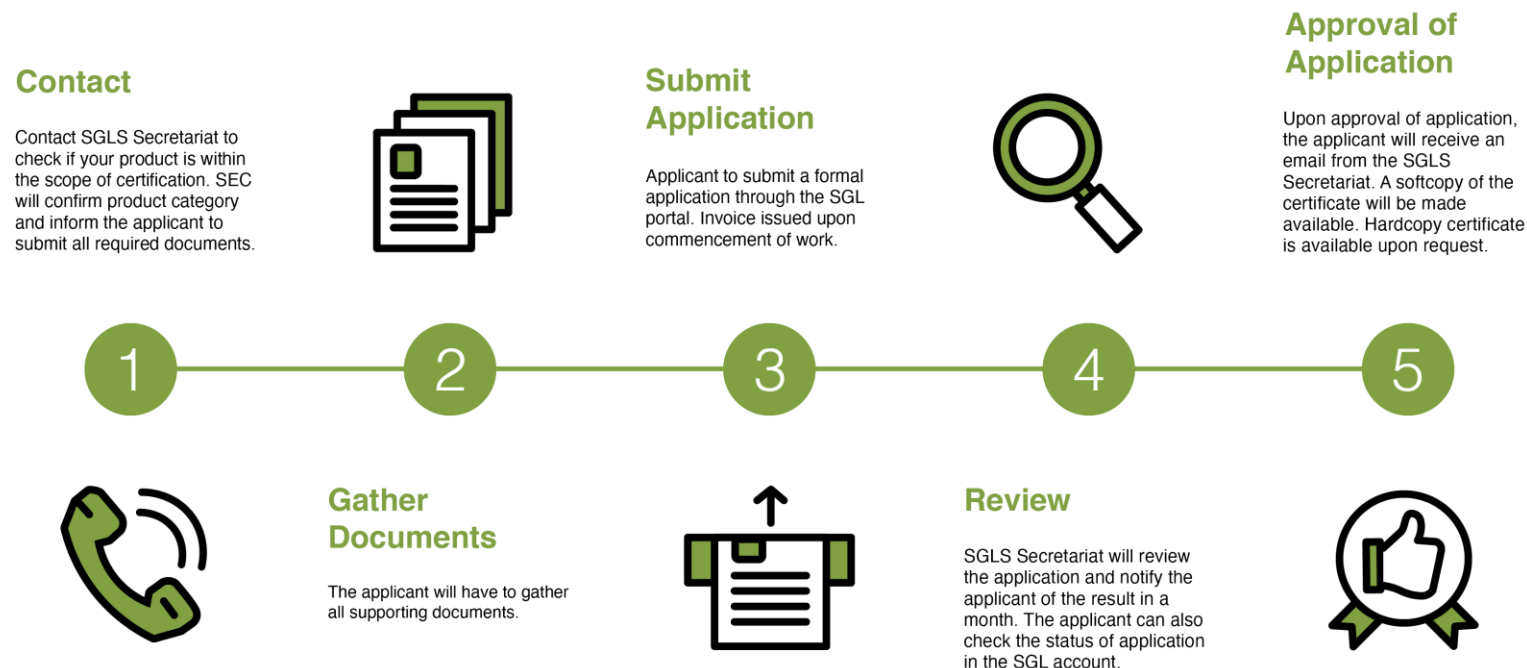
# Product Categories

- Total of 60 active product categories covering 8 classes of products, including building materials, household appliances, office supplies and equipment (including the newly established category projectors), personal care products, cleaning products.



# SGLS/SGLS+ Certification Application Process

- Application can be done via website at SGLS (sec.org.sg)
- Documents submission for certification on-line via SGLS portal
- Application fee SGD 3,050 for new applications, SGD 2,000 for renewals (every 2 years)
- Certification processing time is 3-4 weeks



# Marketing Promotional Activities

- Promotions mainly through social media, webinars and major annual events such as the SEC Environment Achievement Awards and School Green Awards



## Green Procurement

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# About GreenGov.sg

- Public sector's new sustainability movement, launched on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- Key component of the Singapore Green Plan 2030.
- Under this initiative, the public sector will strive to attain ambitious sustainability targets in carbon abatement and resource efficiency and be a positive influence and enabler of green efforts.
- 3 key pillars EXCEL, ENABLE, EXCITE



# Key Pillars

## EXCEL

with new and more ambitious targets

- peak its carbon emissions around 2025,
- reduce energy and water use by 10 per cent from the average of 2018 - 2020 levels, and to reduce the amount of waste disposed by 30 per cent from 2022 level, by 2030
- set ambitious targets for buildings, information technology, transport, and solar deployment,
- expand scope of GreenGov.SG to include public sector infrastructure and operations, such as public transport infrastructure and healthcare facilities.

## ENABLE

a sustainable economy and green citizenry, by embedding sustainability in our core business

- purchasing products that meet high efficiency or sustainability standards. This will apply to electrical appliances, as well as water fittings, building materials for interior use, and electric vehicles,
- factor in companies' sustainability-related policies and practices when evaluating government tenders, starting with event venue and accommodation, and public waste collection contracts. Sustainability will be incorporated as a consideration in government agencies' procurement decisions,
- incorporate sustainability features at public spaces such as hawker centres and community clubs to raise public awareness. The public sector will also educate our community on sustainability issues through our school curriculum and community programmes.

## EXCITE

public officers to contribute actively to sustainability in Singapore

- regular sharing sessions organised within the public sector to promote the exchange of ideas, best practices, and the latest technological solutions, to inspire and support public officers to champion ground-up initiatives.
- organise campaigns to raise awareness and encourage public officers to take simple steps to lead a more sustainable lifestyle.

# Procurement Requirements

- All public sector agencies will adopt the enhanced green procurement requirements, covering 9 product as shown below.
  1. Air conditioners
  2. Refrigerators
  3. Televisions
  4. Lamps
  5. Water Fittings and Equipment
  6. Building Products - Relevant building products for interior use (e.g. wall and ceiling finishes) that are accredited with the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme by the Singapore Environment Council, or Singapore Green Building Certification scheme by the Singapore Green Building Council, where available
  7. Printing Paper - White printing paper that is accredited with the Enhanced Singapore Green Labelling Scheme by the Singapore Environment Council
  8. ICT Equipment
  9. Vehicles (from 2023)

<https://www.mse.gov.sg/resources/caw-media-release-annex-a.pdf> (mse.gov.sg)

# Outlook

- With environmental sustainability high on the national agenda, GPP expected to increase
- Under Carbon Act companies with >25,000t CO2 required to pay carbon tax, which will be increased over the next few years
- Mandatory packaging reporting started this year. This covers plastic packaging materials. Under the government's plan, this will transit into an EPR for packaging waste in 2025
- With EPR, more plastic packaging will be collected for recycling. This may lead to more demand for certification under SEC's criteria for products made with recycled materials.

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