

# **Eco Mark Usage Regulations**

## **Article 1 (Purpose)**

These regulations are based on Chapter 4, “2. Eco Mark Usage Regulations“ of “Regulations for Eco Mark Program Implementation” and specify the requirements for those who are approved to use the Eco Mark for their products.

## **Article 2 (Use of the Eco Mark)**

Use the Eco Mark for the products which have been obtained the certification. Please also work to promote a better understanding of environmental protection among consumers by introducing the aim of the Eco Mark as much as possible when concerned products are being advertised.

## **Article 3 (How to Use the Eco Mark)**

Follow the "Guidance for Eco Mark Usage" defined separately when using the Eco Mark for your products.

## **Article 4 (Conclusion of Eco Mark Utilization Contract)**

Eco Mark users conclude an Eco Mark Utilization Contract with Japan Environment Association.

When certification has been granted for the first time, this contract must be concluded with the Association within 60 days from the date of transmission of the notice of the result in reply to an application for the Eco Mark product certification examination (hereinafter called “certification notice”). The contract is made on the date of transmission of “certification notice”

When the Eco Mark user obtains the certification for the second product or thereafter during the term of validity of the utilization contract, the said Eco Mark certified product is added in the “product list” and covered by the said utilization contract automatically, therefore, there is no need to take procedures for another contract.

## **Article 5 (Term of Validity for Eco Mark Product Certification)**

Eco Mark Product certification is valid from the date of transmission of the "certification notice" until the expiration date of certification criteria that is defined for every product category, unless there is a cancellation of Eco Mark product certification or a termination of Utilization Contract.

The period of the Eco Mark certification will be for 1 year from the 1st day of the month following the contract day (hereinafter called “reference date”), and automatically continued for another year by making payment for the Eco Mark license fee. However, the last year will be until the expiration date specified in the certification criteria.

**Article 6.(Eco Mark Annual License Fee)**

Eco Mark Annual utilization fee must be paid in the lump of 1(one) year for all the Eco Mark products based on “Eco Mark Fee provision”. Payment of the license fee covers one year from the reference date specified in the Article 5. After the second year, the payment period is the same so long as the Eco Mark Utilization Contract remains effective.

In the case that there is no payment of license fee, Eco Mark Utilization contract is regarded cancelled for all the Eco Mark products that are held by the Eco Mark user.

When Eco Mark users discontinues to use Eco Mark with their own reason, the fee that has been paid will not be refunded.

**Article 7 (Avoidance of Improper Indication)**

When advertising Eco Mark products, shall strictly observe the Act for the Prevention of Unreasonable Premiums and Misrepresentation Concerning Products and Services and other related laws and regulations, and avoid using such discriptions which may mislead consumers regarding environmental protection.

**Article 8 (Survey on the Status of Eco Mark Use)**

To promote an appropriate implementation of Eco Mark program, the Eco Mark Office may ask Eco Mark users to report on their usage, production and sales of Eco Mark products and or conduct necessary research in some cases.

**Article 9 (Cancellation of Eco Mark Certification)**

When something false is found on the application form or when the Eco Mark is used improperly, certification will be cancelled or other necessary measures will be taken. When the Eco Mark certification is cancelled, the contract for Eco Mark usage is also automatically cancelled simultaneously, thus the Eco Mark cannot be used thereafter.

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