

**Partial Revision of the Certification Criteria:
Eco Mark Product Category No. 108 “Sanitary Paper”**

Due to the abolishment of the concerned JIS criteria on tissue paper, and for well-defined handling of two-ply toilet rolls, generally referred to as “double” among all the types of toilet paper, the following minor revisions are made to the related items in the certification criteria on the topic mentioned in the title.

1. Revision of Item (6) of “4-2. Quality Criteria” are as follows (the area marked with == is deleted and the underlined bold text added).

- (6) The quality of the toilet paper shall conform to the provisions of JIS P 4501 concerning areal weight, burst strength, water solubility and form. **Toilet rolls consisting of more than a double sheet shall have the criterion applied just as it is.**

~~The quality of tissue paper shall conform to the provisions of JIS S 3104 concerning areal weight and tear strength. Check that there is no elution of fluorescent whitening agent according to “7.7 Elution of Fluorescent Whitening Agent” of JIS S 3104.~~

Quality control shall be implemented adequately for **tissue paper and** chirigami in the manufacturing stage. **For fluorescent agents used for tissue paper, check that there is no elution of fluorescent whitening agent, according to “Test methods for devices or containers and packaging materials using fluorescent substances” by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (No. 0107001 issue notified by the Director of the Standards and Evaluation Division, Department of Food Safety and No. 0107001 issued by the Director of the Inspection and Safety Division, Department of Food Safety, January 2004)**

2. Revision of Item (7) of “5-2. Certification Procedure for “4-2. Quality Criteria” are as follows (the underlined bold text has been added).
- (7) For Criterion 4-1.(6), certificates stating that the product complies with appropriate quality criteria shall be submitted. For **tissue paper and** chirigami, certificates that specify the adequate implementation of quality control in compliance with relevant laws and regulations in the manufacturing stage shall be issued by the manager of the plant

manufacturing the product. The test results for fluorescent agents for tissue paper shall be submitted.

3. The following is the revised text of Interpretation “5. Quality Criteria” (the underlined bold text is added).

In JIS, it was decided to evaluate compatibility, limiting the number of items for review from the standpoint of saving resources. **Chirigami is used as toilet paper, and managed and manufactured to satisfy the required quality of general users. There are no quality standards such as JIS. Since compliance with JIS S 3401 or JIS P 4501 is impossible, verification of quality control during manufacture has been implemented properly to satisfy the quality required of users. In recent years, pocket tissue paper which can be flushed in toilets called “flushable tissue” is seen on the market. Since this product is intended for use as toilet paper and is soluble, it was decided that it would be considered as chirigami in this product category.**

Since JIS criteria on tissue paper were abolished in December 2003, for tissue paper, such as “chirigami” toilet rolls for recycled paper exchange, quality control shall be implemented appropriately at the manufacturing stage in order to satisfy the standard of quality required by users.

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