

Annex 5

Partial Revision of Certification Criteria of Eco Mark Product Category No. 126 “Paints Version 1.3”

Regarding to the Eco Mark Product category No. 126 “Paints Version 1.3”, the applicable products include the mixed type paints. The following minor revisions are made for the packaging material in Item (10) of the 4-1. Common Environmental Criteria, and for certification procedure to each item.

Minor revisions (The underlined texts are added.)

4. Certification Criteria

4-1. Common Environmental Criteria (10)

The container shall be returnable or an unleaded metal can of recyclable design. However, this item does not apply to “F. painting for construction”, specifically, JIS A 6909 “Coating materials for textured finishes of buildings” and JIS A 6916 “Surface preparation material for finishing”, and any powder materials including “H. powder paint”. Regarding to the “G. Household paints”, inner bags made from plastic are approved to use.

Interpretation 3. Certification Criteria

3-1. Details of Establishing Environmental Criteria

A-4 Destruction of eco system

(1) Chemical Substances which affect the eco system shall not be used.

Among the substances, --- (omission) that must be reduced, --- (omission). Therefore, this item was selected and included in the items for preparing the criteria.

For mixed paint which is one powder for one liquid type, emulsion in liquid shall be treated according to water-type paint. The certificates should be submitted to certify that powder is not made from raw materials which generate organic constituents. Regarding to aromatic hydrocarbon solvent and VOC (mixed paint of two-liquid mixed type), their volatile characteristic in mixing makes it difficult to be measured after mixing. Therefore, the amount of content shall be calculated by pre-mixing ratio, and the amount of content of mixed liquid shall be examined. Regarding to formaldehyde, its diffusion from coating shall be tested. For heavy metals, the amount of content of mixed liquid shall be examined.

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