Eco Mark News

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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Important Information

Acceptance of Opinions on the Proposed Revision of Article 7 of Eco Mark Usage Regulations

On June 1 of this year we implemented partial revision of "Article 7 of the Eco Mark Usage Regulations" with a view of preventing inappropriate use of the Eco Mark, including the addition of certification numbers, etc. [reference 1)] We, however, are considering another revision that falls within the range of its original purpose and which is directed towards reducing licensee burden. A determination has been made to release to the public this time the draft of "Article 7 of the Eco Mark Usage Regulations," and we would therefore like to solicit opinions regarding this draft during the 30-day period from November 10 (Mon) to December 9 (Tue). Please refer to "Acceptance of Opinions on the Proposed Revision of Article 7 of Eco Mark Usage Regulations" in the next page.

《Proposed Revision》

Article 7 (Indication of the Certification Number and the Name of Certified Eco Mark Users)

(1) As a rule, when the Eco Mark is used on a product or its package/container, both the certification number and the name of the Eco Mark licensee should be indicated on each product or its package/container.
Please note that it is also acceptable to indicate either the certification number or the name of Eco Mark licensee, at one's discretion.

(2) Regardless of what is stipulated in the preceding Clause 1, in cases where individual certification criteria documents contain a description concerning Eco Mark indication, the manner used for indication shall follow said description..

*Special Note 1)
In accordance with Clause 2 above, we will revise the applicable sections of the individual certification criteria documents for each product category that contains a description concerning indication of the Eco Mark certification number, in association with revision of the new regulations and following the above points. Please note that we will not make any revision to the current document for Product Category No.120, "Printed Matter made from Paper."

(3) When the Eco Mark is used on printed matters such as mail-order catalogs,manufacturers' product catalogs and advertising leaflets (excluding Eco Mark Product Category No.120, "Printed Matter made from Paper") and on internet web sites, please indicate the certification number, brand name of the product and the name of the Eco Mark licensee.

Please note that indication of Eco Mark user with each Eco Mark indication is not necessary when the Eco Mark user is the same as the publisher of a catalog.

《Date of Revision》 Late in December 2003 (scheduled)

Reference 1) current regulation

Article 7 (Indication of the Certification Number and the Name of Certified Eco Mark Users)
Please indicate the certification number, the name and address (or the telephone number instead of the address) of the certified Eco Mark user along with the Eco Mark symbol on the product or its package/container.

Please note that only the Eco Mark certification number could be placed near the Eco mark symbol when there is a difficulty placing the name and address (or the telephone number instead of the address) of the certified Eco Mark user such as the following cases; a) novelty goods, b) products with customer's name on it, or c) no space for the indication. In such cases, please confirm the indication contents with Eco Mark Office in advance.

Acceptance of Opinions on the Proposed Revision of Article 7 of Eco Mark Usage Regulations	
(1) Acceptance by mail and FAX -Address, Name, Sex, Occupation, Contact Address, Telephone number, FAX number -Name of the certification criteria for Eco Mark product category to give opinion -Opinions on the above proposal criteria A summary of the above matters should be sent in writing (on A4 size paper) to address below by December 9 (Tue), 2003 (postmark effective). Eco Mark Office, Japan Environment Association Takagi Building 7F, 1-7-2 Toranomon, Nishi-Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003 TEL: +81-3-3508-2662 FAX: +81-3-3508-2656	(2)Acceptance by e-mail -Address, Name, Sex, Occupation, Contact Address, Telephone number, FAX number, e-mail address -Opinions on the above proposal revision A summary of the above matters should be sent to the address below by 17:00, December 9 (Tue), 2003 by e-mail. When you attach a file to e-mail, please use MS-WORD, Ichitaro, or Excel format. e-mail: ecomark@japan.email.ne.jp

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