

Partial Revision for Certification Criteria of Eco Mark Product Category No.112 “Stationery/Office Supplies Version 1.3”

Regarding to the Eco Mark Product Category No.112 “Stationery/Office Supplies Version1.3” (Established: September 1, 2004), the following minor revisions are made, as the postscript on the following [Interpretation].

(Relevant part: == text is deleted, and the underline text is added.)

[Certification Criteria]

4-1-2. Material criteria

A. Products made mainly of paper

(4) The weight percentage of the waste paper in the whole product shall be at least 70%. The percentage of the waste paper pulp in the whole product shall be over 30% for packaging bags, over 40% for wrapping paper and envelopes, and over 50% for congratulation or condolence products (congratulation or condolence bags, envelopes for giving cash, etc.) and album functional office supplies. ~~(For criteria of envelopes, waste paper pulp content rate would be reviewed within a year after establishing.)~~ However, for products whose expendable portion, adhesive portion, binding part of filing product, handle of paper bag, and window part of envelope (except window part of plastic) is subject to the criteria, deduct the weight of that portion from the total product weight. As for the products using paper board, the percentage of the waste paper pulp from paper boards for materials in the product shall be at least 90%. As for the products using cardboard, the percentage of the waste paper pulp from cardboards for materials in the product shall be 100%.

[Interpretation]

A. Resource Extraction Stage

A-1 (Resource consumption)

~ Excerpt from the statement regarding envelopes ~

Regarding base paper for envelopes, as the most Eco Mark certified products have a content rate of more than 70%, it was deemed inappropriate to raise the standard of 40% or more in No.113 “Packaging Paper Version 1.0” up to 70%, though a high content rate can be set. Consequently, pulp content rate was set at 50% or more. Regarding the 10% raise, however, it was discussed in the Eco Mark Category/Criteria Establishing Committee, and regarding the waste paper pulp content rate of envelopes, it was decided

to collect the data related to it within a year after establishing it, and it will be re-examined. In addition, it was confirmed that present criteria of 40% or more is applied until then, and there is a possibility to change the waste paper pulp content rate or to abolish envelopes as the target of Eco Mark.

【Postscript associated with revision to Version1.4】

Based on the confirmation by the Eco mark Category/Criteria Establishing Committee, the Eco Mark office collected new data and additionally discussed the decision of raising the current standard (40% or more) of the waste paper pulp content rate of envelopes. As a result, it was decided that further discussion is necessary for wide range of factors such as environmental burden in lifecycle and sustainable use of forest resources other than waste paper. This led to a conclusion that the waste paper pulp content rate of envelopes in the criteria remains as 40% or more and that the next review will be held (in 2008) to discuss this issue by shelving the immediate resolution.

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Partial Revision for Certification Criteria of Eco Mark Product Category No.113 “Packaging Paper Version2.0”

Regarding to the Eco Mark Product Category No.113 “Packaging Paper Version2.0” (Established: September 1, 2004), the following minor revisions are made, as the postscript on the following [Interpretation].

(Relevant part: == text is deleted, and the underline text is added.)

[Certification Criteria]

4 1 . Environmental criteria

- (1) Content of waste paper pulp in the base paper for wrapping paper shall be 40% or more. However, content of waste paper pulp in the base paper for wrapping bag shall be 30% or more and that in the base paper for envelopes shall be 40% or more. ~~(However, regarding the certification criteria for the base paper of envelopes, the content of waste paper pulp will be revised within a year after establishing the criteria.)~~

[Interpretation]

A. Resource Extraction Stage

A-1 (Resource consumption)

~ Excerpt from the statement regarding envelopes ~

Regarding base paper for envelopes, as the most Eco Mark certified products have a content rate of more than 70%, it was deemed inappropriate to raise the standard of 40% or more in No.113 “Packaging Paper Version 1.0” up to 70%, though a high content rate can be set. Consequently, pulp content rate was set at 50% or more. Regarding the 10% raise, however, it was discussed in the Eco Mark Category/Criteria Establishing Committee, and regarding the waste paper pulp content rate of envelopes, it was decided to collect the date related to it within a year after establishing it, and it will be re-examined. In addition, it was confirmed that present criteria of 40% or more is applied until then, and there is a possibility to change the waste paper pulp content rate or to abolish envelopes as the target of Eco Mark.

【Postscript associated with revision to Version2.0】

Based on the confirmation by the Eco mark Category/Criteria Establishing Committee, the Eco Mark office collected new data and additionally discussed the decision of raising the current standard (40% or more) of the waste paper pulp content rate of envelopes. As

a result, it was decided that further discussion is necessary for wide range of factors such as environmental burden in lifecycle and sustainable use of forest resources other than waste paper. This led to a conclusion that the waste paper pulp content rate of envelopes in the criteria remains as 40% or more and that the next review will be held (in 2008) to discuss this issue by shelving the immediate resolution.

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