Updates on the EU Ecolabel and GPP

EUEB meeting – 13 March 2019
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Change of EUEB composition
(Additional) **EU Ecolabel Competent Bodies for financial products**

EU and EEA MSs to inform DG ENV which Competent Bodies will be responsible for carrying out the tasks provided for in the EU Ecolabel Regulation related to financial products in their country (by 30 Sep 2018)

**10 MSs still to provide answer!**
• Nomination of relevant **stakeholders** to the EUEB

• **Call for applications for 14 Stakeholders (related to the product categories already covered by EU Ecolabel/Financial stakeholders):** republished until 1 March 2019, applications to be processed.

• The following EU institutions have expressed interest becoming members of the EUEB: European Chemical Agency (**ECHA**), European Investment Bank (**EIB**)

• **June 2019: Meeting in new configuration** (hopefully 😊)

• **Rules and procedures** to be updated

• Specific **EUEB sessions** will be dedicated to financial products
Commission Decisions establishing EU Ecolabel criteria
Commission Decision (EU) 2019/70
establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for graphic paper and the EU Ecolabel criteria for tissue paper and tissue products

Adopted on: 11/01/2019
Valid until: 31/12/2024
Transitional period: until 31/12/2019
Amendement to the criteria for Detergents

- For the 6 Detergent product groups: measurement threshold (of 100 ppm) for impurities and by-products has been introduced.

- For IILD: in CDV calculations, possibility of using (PAC) values “ε-phthalimido hexanoic acid” instead of (PAP) ones “phthalimido peroxy-hexanoic acid”.

- For LD: removal of (PAP) “ε-phthalimido-peroxy-hexanoic acid”, used as bleaching agent, from the list of derogated substances.

- HSCP: Amendment on the duration of the transition period for APC criteria until 30 June 2019 (currently until 26 December 2018)

Adopted on: 13 March 2019 and published on 15 03 2019
Commission Decision prolonging the validity of the EU Ecolabel criteria for Televisions and Growing media, soil improvers and mulch

End of written vote: 10/03/2019
Foreseen adoption: end of June 2019

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Timeline for the finalisation of the revision of EU Ecolabel criteria for Electronic Displays

Stakeholders list updated

EUEB presentation approach/timeline

Stakeholder communication to inform on process finalisation

Online consultation of the updated TR

Preliminary and Technical reports updating considering new ED/EL and new market data

Publication of updated reports

Final TR for ISC provided to DG ENV

Final TR for vote

Done

JRC updating currently

March 2019

EUEB

April 2019

End of May 2019

June 2019

Last EUEB before vote

Oct. 2019

Nov 19-Jan 20

February 2020

Vote in first EUEB of 2020

EG OEB Regulatory Committee

ISC
Potential amendment to:

Indoor and outdoor paint and varnishes criteria: on the possible extension of the current derogation for Zinc Oxide also for in-can preservation

- Currently being assessed by the JRC. To be discussed tomorrow

Amendment to the optional criterion on vacuum cleaners in the Indoor cleaning services criteria (following the annulment of the Energy Labelling Regulation for vacuum cleaners) NOT NECESSARY
Work plan 2019-2022
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| Rinse-off Cosmetics           | 12/2014  | 31/12/2021  | ▪ Revision to start in 9/2018 (normal procedure).  
▪ Discussion at EUEB level on the possibility to enlarge the scope.  
▪ 1st AHWG meeting: September 2019 in Seville  
▪ **Vote planned in November 2020/June 2021.** |
| Paints and varnishes          | 5/2014   | 31/12/2022  | ▪ Starting of the revision to be decided also taking into account the outcomes of the tomorrow discussion on PEF 2019.  
▪ Potential amendment on ZnO.  
▪ **Vote planned in June 2022.** |
| Textiles                      | 6/2014   | 5/12/2020   | ▪ **Revision temporarily on hold** to integrate this work in the development of a specific framework to make textile circular in the next years (the revision of EU GPP criteria for textiles will also be carried out in parallel to the EU Ecolabel work under the broader circular economy narrative).  
▪ Potential **prolongation** needed  
▪ **Improvement of UM** |
| Personal, Notebook and tablet computers | 08/2016  | 10/08/2019  | ▪ In view of the **absence of uptake** on this product group, it has been decided to discontinue it for the moment and postpone to the next Commission the decision on its revision.  
▪ **GPP** criteria revision just started in March 2019 |
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| Growing media, soil improvers and mulch   | 11/2015  | 18/11/2019           | • Revision to start in 1/2020 (shortened procedure).  
                                                                                                           • **Vote planned in June 2021.**                                        |
|                                            |          | (30/06/2022)         |                                                                                                                                          |
| Footwear                                  | 8/2016   | 5/8/2022             | • Revision to start in 1/2020 (shortened procedure).  
                                                                                                           • **Vote planned in June 2021.**                                        |
| Bed Mattresses                            | 06/2014  | 28/7/2022            | • These PGs will be considered together  
                                                                                                           • In Nov 2019, decision if Bed Mattresses and Furniture are to be continued (Uptake TF)  
                                                                                                           • CBs and stakeholders are welcome to provide elements relevant to the decision  
                                                                                                           • If positive, revision to start in 6/2020 (shortened procedure). **Vote planned in Nov 2021.** |
<p>| Furniture                                 | 7/2016   | 28/7/2022            |                                                                                                                                              |</p>
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| Absorbent Hygiene Products                | 10/2014  | 31/12/2022  | • Revision to start in 1/2021 (shortened procedure).  
• Vote planned in June 2022.              |
| Solar Photovoltaic modules, inverters and systems | New PG?  | -           | • The preparatory study in parallel for Ecodesign, Energy Label and GPP criteria is ongoing.  
• The study will provide evidence for deciding if EU Ecolabel criteria will be developed (study ending in 8/2019).  
• A webinar will be organised with EU Ecolabel and GPP stakeholders end of April  
• 3rd Stakeholder meeting will be organised on 24-25 June TBC (25 June would be on EU Ecolabel/GPP) |

New draft EU Ecolabel work plan to be circulated
Meetings 2019-2020
CB Forum – EUEB – meetings in 2019

CB Forum: 24-(25) June (including workshop on pulp DB)
25 June (TBC): stakeholders meeting
   Solar Photovoltaic modules,
   inverters and systems

EUEB: 26-27 June

CB Forum: (18)-19 November

EUEB: 20-21-(22?) November
Proposed dates for 2020
CB Forum, EUEB, Reg Com meetings

February: Week 8 (17-20/02)

June: Week 25 (22-25/06)

November: Week 47 (16-20/11)
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Work in progress
Ecolabels and PEF

The **Commission**, the **Nordic Swan** and **Blue Angel** are undertaking assessments on how the EU Ecolabel/ national/regional labels' could take into account the outcomes of the work done by the Commission on Product Environmental Footprint.

The assessments are done separately but in a coordinated way.

Results will be reported tomorrow.
Follow up to the study "Implementation of article 11 under the EU Ecolabel regulation"

See note from Hugo-Maria Schally of 6/7/2018 with 2 annexes.

Reporting and monitoring system:

- For the criteria sets established under nationally or regionally officially recognised EN ISO 14024 ecolabelling schemes that are falling under article 11.1:
  - **For 9 criteria sets in annex 2, input needed by 6/1/2019 + info on revisions**

- For the criteria sets established under nationally or regionally officially recognised EN ISO 14024 ecolabelling schemes that are not falling under article 11.1:
  - **Information on new/revised criteria to be provided**

Incomplete/no feedback received

Deadline prolonged to 6/6/2019
Website and social media updates
NEW ECAT (available in week 11)

Objective: to have a complete and fully operational ECAT by end 2019

Social media: EU Ecolabel/EMAS Facebook and Twitter accounts will be “migrated” to DG ENV Facebook and Twitter accounts (LinkedIn will remain)

Objective: More visibility to EU Ecolabel
EU Ecolabel website: 

Landing page added

“Business” page:

- PRODUCT GROUPS AND CRITERIA:
  - Detergents:
    - LD: Updated excel sheet for Performance Test (error in the calculation in the folder “Evaluation”)
    - DD, IIDD, IILD, LD: New version (v2) of “Declarations Annexes II part B” (boxes couldn’t be flagged)
  - Lubricants: updated Lusc List v.06/03/2019

Revamping of the whole EU Ecolabel website starting mid 2019!
GPP
Update on EU GPP Criteria

EU GPP criteria recently published
- Road transport (revised criteria)
- Road lighting and traffic signals (revised criteria)

EU GPP criteria currently under development
- Data centres (publication: mid 2019)
- Public spaces maintenance (publication: mid 2019)

EU GPP criteria currently under revision
- Food and catering services (publication: mid 2019)
- Imaging equipment (publication: late 2019)
- Computers and monitors (publication: June 2020)
Future planned revisions of EU GPP Criteria – *tentative dates*

- **Transport** (start: 06/2019; end: 10/2020)

- **Buildings** (start: 06/2020; end: 10/2021)

- Development of a **Manual for authorities awarding public contracts from EU Ecolabel criteria** - tested for 3 PGs
Further activities to support GPP

- Contract to develop **Life Cycle Costing tools** for 5 product groups ongoing: computers and monitors, vending machines, printers/ multifunctional devices, outdoor lighting, indoor lighting (first tool on computers and monitors in early 2019).

- Revision of the **GPP training toolkit** (in all EU languages): work ongoing – finalisation by March 2019.

- Organisation of **training activities on GPP** in countries that are less advanced in terms of GPP (2019-2020).

More information on:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/index_en.htm
Thank you for your attention!