

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE

STANDARD FOR SANITARY PAPER PRODUCTS, GS-1

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Green Seal has issued the Standard for Sanitary Paper Products, GS-1, Edition 6.2.

GS-1 Revision Intent:

In 2017, Green Seal set out to improve the GS-1 Standard in order to expand the range and variety of paper products and fiber sources that are eligible to achieve Green Seal certification, and to remove unintentional barriers to certification while maintaining the same level of stringency. Our initial environmental impact analysis resulted in a proposal to include a new option for fiber: rapidly renewable fibers (RRF). During the Public Comment Period, we received thoughtful feedback and relevant environmental studies. Ultimately, Green Seal opted to withdraw the proposal to include RRF and continued our analysis of technical updates and editorial clarifications. Green Seal has now released GS-1, Edition 6.2, which includes a more flexible pathway to achieving certification through updates to the performance parameters and a new allowance for products made from 100% agricultural residue. With these updates and other editorial improvements, GS-1 is now a more useful tool for product designers and end users seeking a comprehensive, feasible sustainability benchmark for sanitary paper products.

Summary of Revisions:

The following sections underwent substantive updates:

- Product-Specific Performance Requirements
- Product-Specific Sustainability Requirements
- Manufacturing Sustainability Requirements
- Packaging Sustainability Requirements
- Certification and Labeling Requirements

Important clarifications were made to the following section:

- Product-Specific Sustainability Requirements
 - Material Processing, Chlorine Free Requirement.

GS-1 Standard Development Documents:

- Issued Standard: [GS-1, Edition 6.2](#)
- [Final Revised Standard](#) (Including tracked changes comparing Edition 6.1 to Edition 6.2)
- [Response to Comments Document](#)

Green Seal's Stakeholder-Based Process:

More than 50 professionals and public and private entities contributed to this revision. We appreciate those who played a role in this process and helped achieve this milestone in the green product movement.

For More Information:

- Visit the [Standard Revision Page](#) on Green Seal's website.
- For questions about our product certification process, please email Certification@greenseal.org.

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About Green Seal

Green Seal is the leading US eco-certifier. Our standards, developed within a lifecycle framework, are the results of active dialogues with experts from industry, end users, and public interest groups. Over the past three decades, Green Seal's environmental leadership standards have fueled the green transformation of major industries across the globe.