



Response to Comments

Conditional Exemption for Chlorine-Based Additives in Re-pulping Standard for Sanitary Paper Products (GS-1)

August 25, 2021. Green Seal has issued Edition 6.4 of the Standard for Sanitary Paper Products (GS-1). This edition includes a conditional exemption that allows for the use of chlorine or chlorine derivatives during the re-pulping phase of the papermaking process when included for the purpose of breaking down recovered material containing wet-strength resins. For a background on this revision please see the documents below.

Standard Development Documents:

- [GS-1 Revision Summary](#)
- [GS-1 Full Revision Proposal](#)
- [GS-1, Edition 6.4 with Tracked Changes](#)

Summary of Stakeholder Input:

In July 2021, Green Seal published the revision proposal for public comment. Green Seal held discussions during the development of this proposal and widely solicited technical input and general feedback from a balanced group of stakeholders including industry experts, manufacturers, and the US EPA.¹ No opposition to this proposal was submitted or informally shared by stakeholders.

Green Seal appreciates the time and expertise volunteered of the participating stakeholders.

Written Comments Submitted by Stakeholders:

During the public comment period, no formal written comments were received.

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¹ <https://greenseal.org/green-seal-standards/development>