



Standard Deviation Notice for Certification to GS-1 Sanitary Paper Standard

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Background

Green Seal currently references the TAPPI method for T 576: Tensile properties of towel and tissue products (using constant rate of elongation apparatus) in our GS-1 Standard for Sanitary Paper as the only available test method for criterion 2.1.2.2. The T 576 test method has been withdrawn and replaced with T 581: Dry tensile properties of paper towel and tissue products (using constant rate of elongation apparatus). As the two methods are not interchangeable, removing the reference to T 576 and replacing it with a reference to T 581 is a substantive change that would require a formal standard revision in accordance with [Green Seal's Standard Development Manual](#).

Green Seal is [currently revising](#) our GS-1 Standard for Sanitary Paper. We plan to update all references to the T 576 method in the standard to T 581 as part of this revision. The anticipated timeline for this criteria revision is mid-to-late 2024.

Deviation Requirements

A product can receive certification to the GS-1 Standard for Sanitary Paper as of the date of this notice if they demonstrate they meet the criterion of 2.1.2.2. using the T 581 test method. In the criteria where T 576 is referenced as one optional test method, Green Seal will accept T 576 results, but encourage products to utilize one of the other available methods until the standard is updated.

Contact Us

If you have questions or comments on this deviation notice, Green Seal certification, or the standard development process, please reach out to standards@greenseal.org.

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