

Standard Deviation Notice for Certification to GS-8 Cleaning Products for Household Use

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Background

Green Seal's GS-8 Standard for Cleaning Products for Household Use does not currently include toilet bowl cleaner in the definition of a Bathroom Cleaner. However, these products are included in the scope of the GS-37 Standard for Industrial and Institutional Use, which contains similar products but for a different use application. Toilet bowl cleaners for household use have been determined to be substantially similar to those for industrial and institutional use. Additionally, past standard documentation indicates Green Seal's intent to include this product category in the GS-8 Standard once microorganism and enzymes annexes had been added. Green Seal will accept toilet bowl cleaner products under the GS-8 Standard if they meet the deviation requirements below.

As this a substantive change that would require a formal standard revision in accordance with [Green Seal's Standard Development Manual](#), Green Seal will plan to incorporate this scope expansion during the next revision of the GS-8 Standard. Green Seal anticipates revising the GS-8 Standard for several comprehensive updates beginning in Summer of 2024. This scope expansion will be considered for inclusion in the final standard language by our product Working Group during that time. We anticipate issuing an updated version of the standard in late 2025.

Deviation Requirements

A product marketed and functioning as a toilet bowl cleaner can receive certification to the GS-8 Standards for Household Use if they meet all applicable criteria in the standard for bathroom cleaners, including any applicable annexes and criteria that apply to all product types. This includes the performance requirements currently identified for bathroom cleaners in section 2.1. Additionally, to ensure alignment with established testing requirements for toilet bowl cleaners in Green Seal's GS-37 Standard for Industrial and Institutional Cleaning Products, the product must also demonstrate efficacy for water hardness stain removal with an appropriate method following the requirements outline in section 2.2 of the GS-8 Standard.

Green Seal will strike the language below from GS-8, effective as of the date of this notice.

Annex A – Definitions

Bathroom Cleaner. A product used to clean hard surfaces in a household bathroom such as counters, walls, floors, fixtures, basins, tubs, and tile. ~~This category does not include products specifically intended to clean toilet bowls~~

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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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