

# Specifications Governing Use of Recycled Marine Debris Product Label, Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan

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## **I. Preface**

To enhance public awareness of environmental protection and promote the reduction of marine debris, the application and regulations of the Recycled Marine Debris Product Label are hereby defined, and these specifications for use are specially formulated.

## **II. Characteristics to be certified**

This Label is registered and owned by the Taiwan EPA. The content of the certification is: This Label is used by persons with the proprietor's consent and is to certify that the product meets the relevant provisions for Operation Directions for Recycled Marine Debris Product Label, Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan, and the Specifications.

## **III. Conditions on the use**

The conditions for the issuance of the Label are as follows :

- (A) A product with at least 20% of its weight originating from marine debris. The definition of marine debris and recycled marine debris product is based on the "Operation Directions for Recycled Marine Debris Product Label, Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan" (hereinafter referred to as "Operation Directions").
- (B) Certified by a certification institute. The qualifications of certification institute is based on the Operation Directions.

## **IV. Procedures for applying**

- (A) Institutions (organizations), groups and legal entities (hereinafter referred to as Applicants) that use marine debris as raw materials to produce products shall follow the format prescribed by the Taiwan EPA to apply for the use of the Label by submitting the following documents. If the documents are in a foreign language, the documents shall be

accompanied by a traditional Chinese translation certified by an overseas mission or domestic notary public.

1. Application form. (format as appendix)
2. Verification statements and verification reports issued by certification bodies. The verification report shall at least include:
  - (1) Verification plan.
  - (2) Collection time, location, personnel, estimated number of people, and the weight of marine debris.
  - (3) Entry and exit records of the storage site.
  - (4) The composition and proportion of the main raw material, production process, basic product information, product specifications and sampling plans of the manufacturing plant.
3. Description of the labeling method for the Label.
4. Other documents designated by the Taiwan EPA.

(B) Applicants that use a recycled marine debris product as raw material to produce products shall follow the format prescribed by the Taiwan EPA to apply for the use of the Label by submitting the following documents. If the documents are in a foreign language, the documents shall be accompanied by a traditional Chinese translation certified by an overseas mission or domestic notary public.

1. Application form. (format as appendix)
2. Verification statements and verification reports issued by certification bodies. The verification report shall at least include:
  - (1) Verification plan.
  - (2) The composition and proportion of the main raw material, production process, basic product information, product specifications and sampling plans of the manufacturing plant.
  - (3) The Label number of the raw materials.
3. Description of the labeling method for the Label.
4. Other documents designated by the Taiwan EPA.

## **V. Methods of managing and supervising**

(A) The person who has obtained the right to use the Label (hereinafter referred to as the Owner of the Right to Use the Label) shall label products with the Label in accordance with the following regulations:

1. The Label shall be printed in two colors, the standardized green color (2283 C) and the standardized blue color (2143 C), in the

international standardized swatch book of the Pantone Matching System.

2. The Owner of the Right to Use the Label shall, during the validity period of the Label, prominently label products or packages with the Label pattern registered by the Taiwan EPA, and shall not change the ratio of length, width and height or the relative position. However, the Label may be enlarged or downsized in equal proportion, and its width shall not be less than 1.05 centimeters and its height shall not be less than 1.0 centimeter.
3. The Owner of the Right to Use the Label may display the grade of the Label and the weight ratio of marine debris in an appropriate place on the product or package.

#### (B) Validity period

1. The validity period of the Label is three years. If the Owner of the Right to Use the Label wants to continue to use the Label upon expiration, he/she shall apply for an extension within three to five months before the expiration date. Applications submitted after the expiration date shall be regarded as new applications.
2. The foregoing application for an extension shall contain the documents specified in IV (A) or IV (B).
3. If, for reasons other than those attributable to the Owner of the Right to Use the Label, the review of the extension cannot be completed before the expiration date, he/she may apply to the Taiwan EPA for a temporary extension of the validity period, limited to one time with a maximum extension of three months.

#### (C) Apply for change

1. When a recycled marine debris product undergoes change in the composition and proportion of the main raw material, production process or product specifications, resulting in reduction of the weight ratio of marine debris, the Owner of the Right to Use the Label shall apply for change by submitting a document stating the change, and after the approval of the Taiwan EPA, apply for change by submitting the documents stipulated in IV (A) or IV (B).
2. When the name of the Owner of the Right to Use the Label, the address, or the name of the production plant (site) is changed, relevant documentary proof shall be submitted to the Taiwan EPA within one month after the fact of the change.

#### (D) Supervising and follow-up checks

1. The Taiwan EPA may conduct the following unscheduled follow-up checks regarding Recycled Marine Debris Product, including the scope and method of marine debris collection, the composition and proportion of raw materials, production process, orders of raw materials, and input and output; the implementation of regular follow-up checks by the certification institute.
  2. The Owner of the Right to Use the Label shall not use the Label pattern on products that have not been approved by the Taiwan EPA.
  3. The Owner of the Right to Use the Label shall stop using the Label from the day after the expiration of the right to use the Label. However, Recycled Marine Debris Products which are manufactured during the period of validity may continue to use the Label.
- (E) The Taiwan EPA may notify the Owner of the Right to Use the Label and require improvement by the deadline if any of the following circumstances exists. If the required improvement is not made by the deadline, the EPA may publish information on the violation in order to protect the safety and rights of consumers.
1. Unauthorized use of the Label on the product per se or packaging, or in other documents or information available to consumers.
  2. Unauthorized use of the Label pattern for labeling, promotion, advertising or other outward representations.
- (F) The Taiwan EPA may revoke the right to use the Label if the Owner of the Right to Use the Label is in any of the following circumstances:
1. The application contains a false document or incorrect information is provided.
  2. Fraud, coercion, bribery or other improper methods to obtain the right to use the Label.
- (G) The owner whose right to use the Label is revoked by the Taiwan EPA in accordance with V (F) shall stop using the Label and selling products labeled with the Label from the date of service of the notice of revocation.
- (H) If the certification institute is involved in the circumstances listed in V (F), the Taiwan EPA may publish and notify its accreditation institute.
- (I) The Taiwan EPA may annul the right to use the Label if the Owner of the Right to Use the Label is in any of the following circumstances:

1. Company registration, business registration, factory registration, or other related establishment permits, registrations or licenses have been revoked or annulled by the competent authority.
  2. Application for annulment of use.
  3. Violation of V (C) or V (D), and failure to improve by the deadline prescribed in the notification.
  4. Failure to cooperate with the follow-up checks specified in V (D).
  5. The recycled marine debris product does not comply with the standard specifications of the Label.
  6. Violation of laws and regulations relating to environmental protection, and the circumstances are considered significant according to that law or regulation.
  7. Other circumstances as determined by the Taiwan EPA.
- (J) The owner whose right to use the Label is annulled by the Taiwan EPA in accordance with V (I) shall stop using the Label and selling products labeled with the Label from the date of service of the notice of annulment.

## **VI. Procedures for resolving disputes thereof**

- (A) Those who terminate the authorization of the use of the Label shall, within two weeks from the date of receipt of the notice, attach the supporting documents, clearly explain the reasons and demands in writing, and file a complaint with the Taiwan EPA.
- (B) If the Owner of the Right to Use the Label violates the provisions of this specification, the Taiwan EPA may pursue investigations in accordance with the law, and the Taipei District Court of Taiwan shall be the court of jurisdiction.

# Application Form for the use of Recycled Marine Debris Product Label

(First application extension)

## I. Applicant

### A. Basic Information of the Applicant

1. Name:
2. Registered Address:
3. Representative:
4. Company Registration Code:

### B. Contact Information

1. Name:
2. Phone:
3. Email:
4. Contact Address:

## II. Manufacturing plant

### A. Basic Information of the Manufacturing Plant

1. Name:
2. Registered Address:
3. Representative:
4. Company Registration Code:

### B. Contact Information

1. Name:
2. Phone:
3. Email:
4. Contact Address:

### **III. Application Summary**

#### **A. Product Information**

1. Product Name:
2. Model Number (if any):
3. Sales Channel:

#### **B. Verification Information**

1. Certification Institute:
2. Date of Issue:
3. Date of Expiration:

Hereby apply to the Environmental Protection Administration of the Executive Yuan  
for the use of the Recycled Marine Debris Product Label

Date :

## Annex

(Please arrange items in the following order and print on A4 size sheet)

Use marine debris as raw materials		Use recycled marine debris product as raw material	
Self-check	item	Self-check	item
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. application form	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. application form
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-1. verification statements	<input type="checkbox"/>	2-1. verification statements
2-2. verification reports		2-2. verification reports	
<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) verification plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) verification plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) collection time, location, personnel, estimated number of people, and the weight of marine debris	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) the composition and proportion of the main raw material, production process, basic product information, product specifications and sampling plans of the manufacturing plant
<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) entry and exit records of the storage site	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) the label number of the raw materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	(4) the composition and proportion of the main raw material, production process, basic product information, product specifications and sampling plans of the manufacturing plant	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. description of the labeling method for the label	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) label number of the raw materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. other documents designated by the Taiwan EPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. other documents designated by the Taiwan EPA
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the documents are in a foreign language, the documents shall be accompanied by a traditional Chinese translation certified by an overseas mission or domestic notary public	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the documents are in a foreign language, the documents shall be accompanied by a traditional Chinese translation certified by an overseas mission or domestic notary public