

## Hand Cleaners/Hand Soaps

### Covered Products:

Hand Cleaners/Hand Soaps are designed to be used with water to remove both organic and inorganic soil from skin. Hand wipes and sanitizers are not addressed in this product specification.

### Definitions

**EcoLogo** - is a North American Type I environmental leadership standard setting and third-party certification program as defined by ISO 14024. It has a standard (CCD-104) for Hand Cleaners/Hand Soaps and certifies products meeting those standards. For additional information on this program as well as standards for other products, visit the EcoLogo website at [www.ecologo.org/en/](http://www.ecologo.org/en/).

**Green Seal** - is a non-profit organization that follows the Guiding Principles and Procedures for Type I Environmental Labeling adopted by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO 14024). Green Seal has developed environmental standards and certifies products for more than 40 major product categories. It has a standard for Hand Cleaners/Hand Soaps (GS-41). Learn more about Green Seal's environmental standards at [www.greenseal.org/certification/environmental.cfm](http://www.greenseal.org/certification/environmental.cfm) .

### Specifications:

Hand Cleaner/Hand Soap products shall be certified by the following standard, which was developed jointly: [Green Seal/GS-41/Ecologo/CCD-104](#).

An Alternative Self-Attestation is offered for companies that do not have Green Seal or EcoLogo certification for a specific product in the cleaning categories mentioned above, but can prove they meet one of these standards. In such cases, manufacturers must: Complete, sign and send an affidavit to: New York State Office of General Services, Attn: Environmental Services Unit, Corning Tower, 39th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12242. This affidavit shall attest that the manufacturer's product meets or exceeds the existing GreenSeal/ EcoLogo criteria, and the manufacturer has the necessary data to support this claim. A sample affidavit

may be found at: [www.greencleaning.ny.gov/PublicCommentDocs/AppendixI\\_092409.pdf](http://www.greencleaning.ny.gov/PublicCommentDocs/AppendixI_092409.pdf)

- Hand Soaps/Hand Cleaners meeting Green Seal/EcoLogo criteria will be added to the OGS Approved Green Cleaning Products List under the self-attestation category.
- All hand cleaners/hand soaps listed on the "approved green cleaning products" list at [www.greencleaning.ny.gov](http://www.greencleaning.ny.gov) meet the GreenSeal/EcoLogo criteria, or have provided the requisite self-attestation to OGS.

**Packaging:**

In accordance with Environmental Conservation Law section 37-0205, packaging shall not contain inks, dyes, pigments, adhesives, stabilizers, or any other additives to which any lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium has been included as an element during manufacture or distribution in such a way that the sum of the concentrations levels of such lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium exceed the following concentration level: 100 parts per million by weight (0.01%).

All bidders are encouraged to offer packaging which minimizes or eliminates the use of disposable containers; is made from recycled content; contains a minimum of 25% by weight of post consumer materials; and/or meets or exceeds the minimum post consumer content level for packaging in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines.