

Tentative Specification for 'Janitorial Paper Products'

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Background

In April of 2018, a tentative specification for Janitorial Paper Products was approved by the Interagency Committee. Comments on the tentative specification were received from; Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), the American Chemistry Council, and American Forest and Paper Association.

In response to these comments, the following changes were made to the specification:

- The links to the UL EcoLogo certified product webpages on pages 2 and 5 were corrected.
- The UL EcoLogo language in the "Standard Setting and Certification Programs" section was revised to incorporate language offered in UL's comments.
- Language in the "Specification" section was revised to clarify the Process Chlorine Free requirement. This was changed as a result of comments from the American Forest and Paper Associations.

No change was made for the American Chemistry Council's and American Forest and Paper Association's suggestion on the removal of the words 'formaldehyde and heavy metals,' in the "Background" section's discussion of third-party certification standards. The current language on third party certifications is accurate as written.

No change was made for the American Chemistry Council's and American Forest and Paper Association's suggestion to remove the sentence: 'The use of third party certification can also simplify the identification, evaluation, and solicitation process for green products.' and include: 'Third party certifications must apply a risk-based approach that assesses both hazard and exposure.' We do not believe the suggested change accurately reflects the approach taken by third party certification programs.