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Green Seal Standards for Specialty Cleaning Products, GS-52 (Household) and GS-53 (Industrial and Institutional), Edition 2.2

Green Seal is excited to announce that it has issued revised versions of its Standards for Specialty Cleaning Products, GS-52 (Household) and GS-53 (Industrial and Institutional). Public comments on the revisions were accepted from January 3 through February 14, 2014. The revised standards are now available on our website at: www.greenseal.org/g52 and www.greenseal.org/g53.

Details on the revision process, including the proposed changes; responses to stakeholder comments; and redline versions of the standards are available on our website at:

<http://www.greenseal.org/GS5253Revision2014>. Revisions were made to the following criteria:

- **Asthmagens and Respiratory Sensitizers** – Revision of the evaluation threshold, to be consistent with Green Seal’s other cleaning product standards
- **Carcinogen Releasers** – Revision of the evaluation threshold, to be consistent with Green Seal’s other cleaning product standards, and to clarify the definition for carcinogen releasers
- **Dermal Toxicity (GS-53)** – Removal for consistency with GS-37 and because this requirement is unnecessary since other criteria in GS-53 address human toxicity
- **Chronic Aquatic Toxicity and Antimicrobial Agents (documentation or test results)** – Removal because other criteria in the standards limit the use of antimicrobial chemicals and chemicals with a potential to cause chronic aquatic toxicity
- **Energy, Air, Water, and Waste; and Distribution** – Removal because energy, air, water, and waste are not significant life cycle contributors for this class of products; and because Green Seal does not foresee setting limits on distribution for this class of products
- **Fragrance Disclosure and Labeling** – Clarification and revision to better reflect what is appropriate for this class of products
- **Annex E – Microorganisms** – Clarification related to effective prevention measures and treatment
- **Packaging Sustainability Requirements** – Clarification related to bisphenol A and heavy metals
- **Appendix 1 – Scope** – Scope expansion to allow for the review and certification of drain cleaners
- **Editorial Changes** – Additional revisions in order to clarify certain sections

Green Seal is a non-profit organization devoted to increasing environmental sustainability through standard setting, product certification, and public education. The mission of the Green Seal ecolabel is to advance a green economy by identifying products that provide leadership levels of performance and protection of human health and the environment.

If you have any questions on GS-52 or GS-53, please e-mail us at standards@greenseal.org.

Sincerely,

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