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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Eco-labelling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 lays down rules for the establishment and application of the voluntary EU Ecolabel scheme, which is intended to promote goods and services that have a high level of environmental performance.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 provides that specific EU Ecolabel criteria are to be established for each product group.
- (3) The proposal to develop EU Ecolabel criteria for indoor cleaning services was put forward by industry representatives from the professional cleaning sector. On that basis, the Commission initiated and led the development of such criteria.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish EU Ecolabel criteria for indoor cleaning services with a view to promoting the use of cleaning products and accessories with a low environmental impact, the training of staff in environmental matters, the bases of an environmental management system and the correct sorting of waste.
- (5) The EU Ecolabel criteria established for indoor cleaning services, as well as the related assessment and verification requirements, should be valid for five years from the date of notification of this Decision, taking into account the innovation cycle for this product group.
- (6) A code corresponding to the product group is an integral part of the EU Ecolabel registration numbers. For the competent bodies to be able to assign an EU Ecolabel registration number to indoor cleaning services complying with the EU Ecolabel criteria, a code needs to be assigned to that product group.
- (7) The provisions in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1.

## HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

1. The product group 'indoor cleaning services' shall comprise the provision of routine professional cleaning services, performed indoors in commercial, institutional and other publically accessible buildings and private residences. Areas where cleaning services are performed may include, but are not limited to, office areas, sanitary facilities and publically accessible hospital areas, such as corridors, waiting and break rooms.
2. It shall also comprise the cleaning of glass surfaces that can be reached without the use of any specialised equipment or machines.
3. This product group shall not comprise disinfection activities or cleaning activities taking place on production sites or activities for which the cleaning products are provided by the client.

### *Article 2*

For the purposes of this Decision, the following definitions shall apply:

1. 'routine professional cleaning services' means professional cleaning services that are provided at least once a month, with the exception of glass cleaning which shall be considered as routine where it is performed at least once every three months;
2. 'undiluted cleaning products' means products that must be diluted before use and which have a dilution rate of at least 1:100;
3. 'cleaning accessories' means reusable cleaning goods such as cloths, mops and water buckets;
4. 'microfiber' means synthetic fiber finer than one denier or decitex/thread;
5. 'applicant's premises' means the premises where the applicant carries out administrative and organisational tasks linked to their activity;
6. 'EU Ecolabel indoor cleaning tasks' means tasks performed by staff as part of an indoor routine professional cleaning service.

### *Article 3*

1. In order to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under regulation (EC) No 66/2010, a service shall fall within the product group 'indoor cleaning services' as specified in Article 1 of this Decision and shall fulfil the related assessment and verification requirements set out in the Annex to this Decision as well as the following conditions:

- (a) it complies with all the mandatory criteria set out in the Annex to this Decision;
  - (b) it complies with a sufficient number of the optional criteria set out in the Annex to this Decision in order to score at least 14 points;
  - (c) it is subject to separate accounting records in relation to other services provided by the same operator that do not fall within the scope of this Decision, including other indoor cleaning services that do not fulfil the requirements set out in this Decision.
2. An operator that has been awarded the EU Ecolabel for indoor cleaning services shall not provide other services which are not covered by the EU Ecolabel unless the indoor cleaning

services covered by the EU Ecolabel are provided by a sub-division, a subsidiary, a branch or a department of the operator that is clearly distinct from it and keeps separate accounting records.

Any other service provided by that operator that falls outside the scope of this Decision, including other indoor cleaning services that do not fulfil the requirements set out in this Decision, shall not be covered by the EU Ecolabel license for indoor cleaning services and shall not be marketed as such.

3. Where an operator that has been awarded the EU Ecolabel for indoor cleaning services makes use of sub-contractors for the provision of such services, these must also hold an EU Ecolabel licence for indoor cleaning services.

#### *Article 4*

The criteria for the product group 'indoor cleaning services' and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid for five years from the date of notification of this Decision.

#### *Article 5*

For administrative purposes the code number assigned to the product group 'indoor cleaning services' shall be '052'

#### *Article 6*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*Karmenu VELLA*  
*Member of the Commission*