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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 Ecolabel¹, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Ecolabelling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, the EU Ecolabel may be awarded to products which have a reduced environmental impact during their entire life cycle.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 provides that specific EU Ecolabel criteria are to be established for each product group.
- (3) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1216² established EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for the product group ‘dishwasher detergents’. The period of validity of those criteria and requirements expires on 31 December 2026.
- (4) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1214³ established EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for the product group ‘hand dishwashing detergents’. The period of validity of those criteria and requirements expires on 31 December 2026.
- (5) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1215⁴ established EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for the product group ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’. The period of validity of those criteria and requirements expires on 31 December 2026.

¹ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/66/oj>.

² Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1216 of 23 June 2017 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for dishwasher detergents (OJ L 180, 12.7.2017, p. 31, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1216/oj>).

³ Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1214 of 23 June 2017 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for hand dishwashing detergents (OJ L 180, 12.7.2017, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1214/oj>).

⁴ Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1215 of 23 June 2017 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents (OJ L 180, 12.7.2017, p. 16, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1215/oj>).

- (6) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1218⁵ established EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for the product group ‘laundry detergents’. The period of validity of those criteria and requirements expires on 31 December 2026.
- (7) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1219⁶ established EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for the product group ‘industrial and institutional laundry detergents’. The period of validity of those criteria and requirements expires on 31 December 2026.
- (8) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1217⁷ established EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for the product group ‘hard surface cleaning products’. The period of validity of those criteria and requirements expires on 31 December 2026.
- (9) In order to better reflect best practice in the market for the product groups concerned and to take account of policy developments, potential future windows of opportunity for increased uptake and the market demand for sustainable products, it is appropriate to establish a new set of criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for dishwasher detergents, hand dishwashing detergents, industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents, laundry detergents, industrial and institutional laundry detergents and hard surface cleaning products.
- (10) The EU Ecolabel Fitness Check Report⁸ of 30 June 2017, reviewing the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, concluded on the need to develop a more strategic approach for the EU Ecolabel, including the bundling of the criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for closely related product groups where appropriate. This is also in line with the political priority of simplification of Union legislation.
- (11) In line with the conclusions of the EU Ecolabel Fitness Check Report and after consulting the European Union Ecolabelling Board, it is considered appropriate to adopt a single decision with six annexes, where each annex sets out the criteria and related assessment and verification requirements for one of the product groups concerned.
- (12) The Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe⁹ adopted on 11 March 2020 underlines that durability, energy and resource efficiency, and carbon and environmental footprint requirements are to be more systematically included in the EU Ecolabel criteria.
- (13) The revised EU Ecolabel criteria, and related assessment and verification requirements, for dishwasher detergents, hand dishwashing detergents, industrial and institutional

⁵ Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1218 of 23 June 2017 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for laundry detergents (OJ L 180, 12.7.2017, p. 63, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1218/oj>).

⁶ Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1219 of 23 June 2017 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for industrial and institutional laundry detergents (OJ L 180, 12.7.2017, p. 79, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1219/oj>).

⁷ Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1217 of 23 June 2017 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for hard surface cleaning products (OJ L 180, 12.7.2017, p. 45, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1217/oj>).

⁸ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the review of implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) and the Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel (COM/2017/ 355 final).

⁹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, A new Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe (COM/2020/98 final).

dishwasher detergents, laundry detergents, industrial and institutional laundry detergents and hard surface cleaning products should promote products that have limited environmental impact throughout their life cycle, and that are produced using material-efficient and energy-efficient processes. In particular, to achieve these objectives, those criteria should promote products that have limited impact in terms of eco-toxicity and biodegradability by setting more stringent thresholds, and minimised content of hazardous substances, including more restrictions on the use of fragrances. Moreover, in order to contribute towards the transition to a more circular economy, the criteria should promote the use of more sustainable raw materials and a more efficient use of the products by guarantying their good performance, reduced packaging, and use of packaging which can be easily recycled and includes recycled content.

- (14) To ensure alignment with the relevant regulatory framework and incentivise innovation in more sustainable products, the product groups ‘dishwasher detergents’, ‘hand dishwashing detergents’, and ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’ that contain micro-organisms should be eligible to be awarded the EU Ecolabel from 23 September 2029, which is the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁰. From that date, products from those product groups are to comply with the requirements on detergents containing micro-organisms set out in Annex II to that Regulation.
- (15) The new criteria and related assessment and verification requirements should remain valid until 31 December 2033, taking into account the innovation cycle for the product groups concerned.
- (16) As the EU Ecolabel criteria and related assessment and verification requirements laid down in this Decision replace those laid down in Decisions (EU) 2017/1216, (EU) 2017/1214, (EU) 2017/1215, (EU) 2017/1218, (EU) 2017/1219 and (EU) 2017/1217, those decisions should be repealed.
- (17) Manufacturers whose products have been awarded the EU Ecolabel for dishwasher detergents, hand dishwashing detergents, industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents, laundry detergents, industrial and institutional laundry detergents and hard surface cleaning products on the basis of Decisions (EU) 2017/1216, (EU) 2017/1214, (EU) 2017/1215, (EU) 2017/1218, (EU) 2017/1219 or (EU) 2017/1217, should be given sufficient time to adapt their products so that they comply with the criteria and requirements laid down in this Decision. Therefore, EU Ecolabel licences awarded in accordance with the Decisions to be repealed should be allowed to be used for a period of 24 months following the date which this Decision starts to apply. In addition, for a limited period of time following the date which this Decision starts to apply, manufacturers should also be allowed to submit applications based either on the Decisions to be repealed or on this Decision.
- (18) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010.

¹⁰ Regulation (EU) 2026/405 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2026 on detergents and surfactants, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 (OJ L, 2026/405, 2.3.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/405/oj>).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1 Dishwasher detergents

The product group ‘dishwasher detergents’ shall comprise any detergent for dishwashers or rinse aid falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹¹ which is marketed and designed to be used exclusively in automatic household dishwashers and in automatic dishwashers for professional use of the same size and usage as that of household dishwashers.

Until 22 September 2029, this product group shall not comprise products containing micro-organisms that have been deliberately added by the manufacturer.

This product group shall not comprise products claiming a biocidal effect.

Article 2 Hand dishwashing detergents

The product group ‘hand dishwashing detergents’ shall comprise any detergent for private or professional use falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 which is marketed and designed to be used to wash by hand items such as glassware, crockery and kitchen utensils including cutlery, pots, pans and ovenware.

The products shall be a mixture, composed of chemical substances with or without micro-organisms, that have been deliberately added by the manufacturer.

Until 22 September 2029, this product group shall not comprise products containing micro-organisms that have been deliberately added by the manufacturer.

This product group shall not comprise products claiming a biocidal effect.

Article 3 Industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents

The product group ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’ shall comprise any dishwasher detergent, rinse or pre-soak agent falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 which is marketed and designed to be used by specialised personnel in professional dishwashers.

This product group shall include multi-component systems comprised of more than one component used to build up a complete detergent. Multi-component systems may incorporate a number of products such as pre-soak and rinsing agents, and they shall be tested as a whole.

Until 22 September 2029, this product group shall not comprise products containing micro-organisms that have been deliberately added by the manufacturer.

This product group shall not comprise the following:

- (a) dishwasher detergents designed for automatic household dishwashers;
- (b) dishwasher detergents intended to be used in medical devices washers;
- (c) dishwasher detergents intended to be used in special machines for the food industry;
- (d) sprays not dosed via automatic pumps;

¹¹ Regulation (EU) 2026/405 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2026 on detergents and surfactants, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 (OJ L, 2026/405, 2.3.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/405/oj>).

- (e) products claiming a biocidal effect.

Article 4 Laundry detergents

The product group ‘laundry detergents’ shall comprise any laundry detergent or pretreatment stain remover falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 which is effective at 30 °C or below and is marketed and designed to be used for the washing of textiles, in particular in household machines, but also in public laundrettes and communal laundries.

Pretreatment stain removers include stain removers used for direct spot treatment of textiles before washing in the washing machine but do not include stain removers dosed in the washing machine and stain removers dedicated to uses other than pretreatment.

This product group shall not comprise the following:

- (a) fabric softeners;
- (b) products that are dosed by carriers, such as sheets, cloths or other materials;
- (c) washing auxiliaries used without subsequent washing, such as stain removers for carpets and furniture upholstery;
- (d) products claiming a biocidal effect.

Article 5 Industrial and institutional laundry detergents

The product group ‘industrial and institutional laundry detergents’ shall comprise any laundry detergent falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 which is marketed and designed to be used by specialised personnel in industrial and institutional facilities.

This product group shall include multi-component systems comprised of more than one component used to build up a complete detergent or a laundering programme for an automatic dosing system. Multi-component systems may incorporate a number of products such as fabric softeners, stain removers and rinsing agents, and they shall be tested as a whole.

This product group shall not comprise the following:

- (a) products which induce textile attributes, such as water repellency, waterproofness or fire retardancy;
- (b) products that are dosed by carriers, such as sheets, cloths or other materials;
- (c) washing auxiliaries used without subsequent washing, such as stain removers for carpets and furniture upholstery;
- (d) laundry detergents to be used in household washing machines;
- (e) products claiming a biocidal effect.

Article 6 Hard surface cleaning products

The product group ‘hard surface cleaning products’ shall comprise any all-purpose cleaner, kitchen cleaner, window cleaner or sanitary cleaner for private or professional use falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2026/405 which is sold in ready-to-use or undiluted form and which is marketed and designed to be used as one of the following:

- (a) all-purpose cleaners, including detergent products intended for the routine indoor cleaning of hard surfaces such as walls, floors and other fixed surfaces;

- (b) kitchen cleaners, including detergent products intended for the routine cleaning and degreasing of kitchen surfaces such as countertops, stovetops, kitchen sinks and kitchen appliance surfaces;
- (c) window cleaners, including detergent products intended for the routine cleaning of windows, glass and other highly polished surfaces;
- (d) sanitary cleaners, including detergent products intended for the routine removal, including by scouring, of dirt or deposits in sanitary facilities, such as laundry rooms, toilets, bathrooms and showers.

Products shall be mixtures, composed of chemical substances with or without micro-organisms, that have been deliberately added by the manufacturer.

This product group shall not comprise the following:

- (a) products which are not aimed at cleaning building indoor spaces (e.g. products aimed at washing cars, boats);
- (b) products which are not used on a routine basis (e.g. strippers) or only for specific surface types (e.g. wooden floor cleaner, metal cleaners) or specific uses (e.g. oven cleaner);
- (c) products which are aimed at cleaning textile surfaces;
- (d) toilet blocks;
- (e) products claiming a biocidal effect.

Article 7 Definitions

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

- (1) ‘abrasives’ means non-soluble, solid particles, typically of inorganic composition, intentionally included in a detergent or cleaning product formulation to provide mechanical cleaning action through friction or scrubbing, without causing a chemical reaction with the soil or its substrate;
- (2) ‘colour-safe detergents’ means detergents used for the ordinary washing of coloured textiles at any temperature;
- (3) ‘composite packaging’, means composite packaging as defined in Article 3(1), point (24), of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹²;
- (4) ‘films’ means films as defined in Article 2, point (14) of Regulation (EU) 2026/405;
- (5) ‘grouped packaging’ means grouped packaging as defined in Article 3(1), point (6), of Regulation (EU) 2025/40;
- (6) ‘heavy-duty detergents’ means detergents used for ordinary washing of white textiles at any temperature;
- (7) ‘impurities’ means unintended constituents, including residuals, pollutants, contaminants, by-products, that remain in the final product in concentrations lower

¹² Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC (OJ L, 2025/40, 22.1.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/40/oj>).

than 100 ppm (0,0100 % weight by weight [w/w], 100 mg/kg) or that remain in its ingredients or raw materials in concentrations lower than 1 000 ppm (0,100% [w/w], 1 000 mg/kg);

- (8) ‘ingoing substances’ means any of the following:
- (a) substances (as such or as part of a mixture, and regardless of amount) that are intentionally added to achieve or influence certain properties of the final product or its ingredients;
 - (b) substances known to be released from substances referred to in point (a) after they have been added (for example formaldehyde and in-situ generated preservatives);
 - (c) unintended constituents, including residuals, pollutants, contaminants, by-products, that remain in the final product in concentrations of 100 ppm (0,0100 % [w/w], 100 mg/kg) or above or that remain in its ingredients or raw materials in concentrations of 1 000 ppm (0,100 % [w/w], 1 000 mg/kg) or above;
 - (d) substances within films that are not removed before the product is used;
- (9) ‘light-duty detergents’ means detergents intended for delicate fabrics;
- (10) ‘liquid packaging carton’ means a structure comprising sulphate kraft and Chemi-Thermo-Mechanical Pulp (CTMP) fibres, with two sides coated with Polyethylene (PE) or Polypropylene (PP), with or without aluminium foil;
- (11) ‘micro-organism’ means micro-organism as defined in Article 3(1), point (b), of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹³;
- (12) ‘nanomaterial’ means nanomaterial as defined in Article 1 of Commission Recommendation 2022/C229/01¹⁴;
- (13) ‘opaque’ means a property of a PET plastic container that prevents the passage of light to such an extent that when the walls of the container are pressed together and placed against a white sheet with 5 mm black capital letters, the text is not visible using reflected light;
- (14) ‘packaging’ means items of any materials that are intended to be used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery or presentation of products and that can be differentiated into packaging formats based on their function, material and design, including:
- (a) items that are necessary to contain, support or preserve the product throughout its lifetime without being an integral part of the product and that are intended to be used, consumed or disposed of together with the product, including those that are part of a single dose unit (product and wrapper), that are water-insoluble and that are removed before the product is used for washing/cleaning purposes;
 - (b) components of, and ancillary elements to, an item referred to in point (a) that are integrated into the item;

¹³ Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/528/oj>).

¹⁴ Commission Recommendation of 10 June 2022 on the definition of nanomaterial 2022/C 229/01 (OJ C 229, 14.6.2022, p. 1, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022H0614\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022H0614(01))).

- (c) ancillary elements to an item referred to in point (a) that are hung directly on, or attached to, the product and that performs a packaging function without being an integral part of the product which is intended to be used, consumed or disposed of together with the product;
 - (d) items designed and intended to be filled at the point of sale, provided that they perform a packaging function;
 - (e) disposable items sold, filled or designed and intended to be filled at the point of sale, provided that they perform a packaging function;
- (15) ‘Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances’ or ‘PFAS’, means per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as defined in Annex XVII, entry 82, of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁵;
 - (16) ‘polymer’ means polymer as defined in Article 3, point (5), of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006;
 - (17) ‘ready-to-use product’ or ‘RTU product’ means a product not to be diluted in water before use;
 - (18) ‘recycled material’ means material that has been reprocessed from recovered material by means of a manufacturing process and made into a final product or into a component for incorporation into a final product;
 - (19) ‘recycled content’ means the proportion, by mass, of recycled post-consumer material in a packaging;
 - (20) ‘post-consumer material’ or ‘PCR’ means material that is generated by households or by commercial, industrial and institutional facilities in their role as end-users of the product and that can no longer be used for its intended purpose, including returns of material from the distribution chain;
 - (21) ‘refill’ means refill as defined in Article 2, point (37), of Regulation (EU) 2026/405;
 - (22) ‘refill pack’ means a packaging format designed for the sole purpose of refilling reusable packaging;
 - (23) ‘refill station’ means refill station as defined in Article 2, point (38), of Regulation (EU) 2026/405;
 - (24) ‘renewable ingredient’ means an ingredient that originates from one or more raw materials derived from biomass, that is grown, naturally replenished or cleansed and that can be replenished on a human timescale, including material from agricultural, forestry, marine, or microbial sources;
 - (25) ‘reusable packaging’ means reusable packaging within the meaning of Article 11(1) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40;
 - (26) ‘re-use system’ means re-use system as defined in Article 3(1), point (31), of Regulation (EU) 2025/40;

¹⁵ Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC (OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/1907/oj>).

- (27) ‘sales packaging’ means sales packaging as defined in Article 3(1), point (5), of Regulation (EU) 2025/40;
- (28) ‘single-use plastic packaging’ means plastic packaging which is not reusable packaging;
- (29) ‘sustainable sourcing’ means the procurement of raw materials or ingredients in a manner that ensures environmental protection, respects human rights and labour standards, and supports long-term ecosystem and community resilience by not compromising biodiversity, soil quality or long-term resource availability;
- (30) ‘synthetic polymers’ means macromolecular substances intentionally obtained by either of the following:
- (a) a polymerisation process such as polyaddition or polycondensation or a similar process using monomers or other starting substances;
 - (b) chemical modification of natural or synthetic macromolecules;
 - (c) microbial fermentation;
- (31) ‘synthetic polymer microparticles’, means synthetic polymer microparticles as defined in Annex XVII, entry 78, to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006;
- (32) ‘transport packaging’, means transport packaging as defined in Article 3(1), point (7), of Regulation (EU) 2025/40;
- (33) ‘undiluted product’ means a product that is intended to be diluted in water before use.

Article 8 Criteria and related assessment and verification requirements

1. In order for a product to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 for the product group ‘dishwasher detergents’, it shall fall within the definition of that product group in Article 1 of this Decision and shall comply with the respective criteria and related assessment and verification requirements set out in Annex I to this Decision.
2. In order for a product to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 for the product group ‘hand dishwashing detergents’, it shall fall within the definition of that product group in Article 2 of this Decision and shall comply with the respective criteria and related assessment and verification requirements set out in Annex II to this Decision.
3. In order for a product to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 for the product group ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’, it shall fall within the definition of that product group in Article 3 of this Decision and shall comply with the respective criteria and related assessment and verification requirements set out in Annex III to this Decision.
4. In order for a product to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 for the product group ‘laundry detergents’, it shall fall within the definition of that product group in Article 4 of this Decision and shall comply with the respective criteria and related assessment and verification requirements set out in Annex IV to this Decision.
5. In order for a product to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 for the product group ‘industrial and institutional laundry detergents’, it shall fall within the definition of that product group in Article 5 of this Decision and shall

comply with the respective criteria and related assessment and verification requirements set out in Annex V to this Decision.

6. In order for a product to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 for the product group ‘hard surface cleaning products’, it shall fall within the definition of that product group in Article 6 of this Decision and shall comply with the respective criteria and related assessment and verification requirements set out in Annex VI to this Decision.

Article 9 Code numbers

1. For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group ‘dishwasher detergents’ shall be ‘015’.
2. For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group ‘hand dishwashing detergents’ shall be ‘019’.
3. For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’ shall be ‘038’.
4. For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group ‘laundry detergents’ shall be ‘006’.
5. For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group ‘industrial and institutional laundry detergents’ shall be ‘039’.
6. For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group ‘hard surface cleaning products’ shall be ‘020’.

Article 10 Repeals

Decisions (EU) 2017/1216, (EU) 2017/1214, (EU) 2017/1215, (EU) 2017/1218, (EU) 2017/1219 and (EU) 2017/1217 are repealed.

Article 11 Transitional provisions

1. Applications for the EU Ecolabel for products that fall within any of the product groups ‘dishwasher detergents’, ‘hand dishwashing detergents’, ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’, ‘laundry detergents’, ‘industrial and institutional laundry detergents’ or ‘hard surface cleaning products’ that are submitted before the date of application of this Decision shall be evaluated in accordance with Decision (EU) 2017/1216, Decision (EU) 2017/1214, Decision (EU) 2017/1215, Decision (EU) 2017/1218, Decision (EU) 2017/1219 or Decision (EU) 2017/1217, as applicable.
2. Applications for the EU Ecolabel for products that fall within any of the product groups ‘dishwasher detergents’, ‘hand dishwashing detergents’, ‘industrial and institutional dishwasher detergents’, ‘laundry detergents’, ‘industrial and institutional laundry detergents’ or ‘hard surface cleaning products’ that are submitted in the period from 1 January 2027 to 28 February 2027 may be based either on this Decision, or on Decision (EU) 2017/1216, Decision (EU) 2017/1214, Decision (EU) 2017/1215, Decision (EU) 2017/1218, Decision (EU) 2017/1219 or Decision (EU) 2017/1217, as applicable.

Those applications shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria and related assessment and verification requirements on which they are based.

3. EU Ecolabel licences awarded on the basis of an application evaluated in accordance with Decision (EU) 2017/1216, Decision (EU) 2017/1214, Decision (EU) 2017/1215, Decision (EU) 2017/1218, Decision (EU) 2017/1219 or Decision (EU) 2017/1217 may be used until 31 December 2028.

Article 12 Applications

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2033.

Article 13 Addressees

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Jessika ROSWALL
Member of the Commission