



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: ECP-2010

Eco Concepts

Standard:

GECA 17-2007 – Cleaning Products

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The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology. Using a product life cycle approach, this ecolabel is awarded to those products and services that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance. The standards against which this performance is measured are set by Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd, an independent, not-for-profit body.

The program involves two processes:

1. Auditing and verification against Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standards
2. Certification against GECA standards and licensing to use the ECA mark.

Auditing and verification:

Environmental Assurance (Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) (<http://www.eassurance.com.au>) is the auditing and verification body with responsibility for product assessment and verification of products against the declared standards (<http://www.geca.org.au/StandardsRegister.htm>). Environmental Assurance is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in its audit and verification services. Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products and services that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market.

Certification and licensing:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting, certification and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration (www.geca.org.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation - the Australian member of the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) an international network of national ecolabelling schemes.

The objectives of the Environmental Choice Australia program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

DISCLAIMER:

This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

The range of cleaning products manufactured by Eco Concepts have been assessed against the GECA 17-2007 – Cleaning Products Standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

Eco Concepts

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Eco Concepts is a distributor of cleaning products that began operations approximately 10 years ago and currently employs around 15 people primarily in sales and administration. The company outsources manufacturing and packaging to external contractors. Eco Concepts sells through distributors in the US and selected international partners. The Eco Concepts products under assessment are primarily targeted at the Institutional/Janitorial cleaning sector.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Eco Concepts products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Green Concepts 1 All Purpose Cleaner	Designed to remove grease, oil and heavy soiling from hard surfaces. Can be used with a mop, spray and wipe, pressure washer or foam system.
Green Concepts 5 Carpet Pre-Spray	Low foaming spot and stain pre-treatment prior to extraction on heavily soiled carpet and high traffic areas. Can also be used in carpet extraction solution tank and bonnet buffing.
Green Concepts 6 Carpet Extraction Cleaner	Formulated to be a low foaming carpet extraction cleaner that removes oil, grease, embedded dirt and other soils from commercial carpet.
Green Concepts 10 Graffiti Remover	Formulated to remove paint, ink, permanent marker and unwanted graffiti.
Green Concepts 13 Cleaner & Degreaser	Designed to remove grease, oil and heavy soiling from hard surfaces. Can be used with a mop, spray and wipe, pressure washer or foam system.
Green Concepts 25 Restroom Cleaner	High foaming cleaner designed to be effective against mould, mildew, soap scum and hard water deposits from tile, painted surfaces and fixtures.
Green Concepts 27 Glass & Window Cleaner	Designed to maximize removal of grease, finger smears, smoke film, water spots and other soils from glass, mirrors and other non-porous surfaces.
Green Concepts 40 Neutral Cleaner	Cleaning product designed to be used where neutral pH is required.

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3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Eco Concepts products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.



Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Applicable Standards	Environmental Assurance has determined through evidence submitted that the nominated products sufficiently meet the requirements of this criterion.
Demonstrated Performance	This criterion is not applicable as the products have established conformance through evidence submitted for the previous criterion.
Chemical Requirements	Eco Concepts has submitted detailed raw materials and formulation information for nominated products and is deemed in accordance with this section of the standard.
Prohibited Substances	Environmental Assurance has determined through evidence submitted that the nominated products are conformant in relation to the requirements of this criterion.
Restricted Substances	The review of evidence submitted has not uncovered any substances classified as a known or suspected endocrine disruptor, mutagen, teratogen, IARC type 2b or contact sensitizer. Thus nominated Eco Concepts products are deemed conforming to this criterion in the standard.
Surfactants and Enzymes	Eco Concepts have demonstrated through evidence submitted that the surfactants used are sufficiently degradable under aerobic and anaerobic conditions.
Solvents	The nominated products do not contain VOC constituents in excess of the 5% by mass maximum allowable limit set for this criterion in the standard.
Fragrances and Colours	There are no fragrances used in the nominated products. Colourants used are listed on the "List of Colouring Agents Allowed for use in Cosmetic Products".
Suitable for Local Wastewater or Greywater Systems	Eco Concepts do not make claim for suitability for local wastewater or greywater systems in relation to the voluntary environmental labeling declaration and therefore this criterion is not applicable.
Phosphorous Related Claims	The Green Concepts #1 All Purpose Cleaner makes claim for phosphate free in the technical data sheet. Environmental Assurance has reviewed details of all raw materials in the formulation and has determined that this claim can be retained.
Food Safe	No claims are made for food safe in relation to the nominated products.
Organic	No claims for "organic" are made in relation to the nominated products.
Other Claims	Other claims are made in relation to the nominated products. Eco Concepts has committed to reviewing the claims in order to remove unfounded or ambiguous statements in relation to product environmental performance.
Recyclability	The packaging of the nominated products is sufficiently marked with resin identification codes and able to be recycled.
Product Information	Sufficient product information is available to end users in accordance to the requirements of this criterion. As an interim arrangement the chemical ingredients list will be available on the company website, with a commitment to revise the product labeling as soon as practicable.
Environmental Regulations	Environmental Assurance has determined that Eco Concepts is in conformance with relevant environmental regulations and has not been convicted for breaches to environmental legislation in the past 24 months.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	Environmental Assurance has determined that Eco Concepts is in compliance with relevant workplace regulations. The company has not been convicted for breaches to labour, anti-discrimination or safety legislation in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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