

Background Note – GPP criteria for textiles

The objective of this session is to inform relevant stakeholders of the revised criteria for **textiles** that will eventually be incorporated in the 2nd NAP. The session aims to inform bidders of the scope of the criteria being proposed, the key environmental impacts, discuss the core criteria being proposed at EU level, and the verification and documentation needed by the prospective bidders to show GPP compliance. Bidders are urged to highlight the difficulties / barriers, in adopting these criteria and raise any concerns in terms of implementation.

The GPP criteria for textiles have been republished by the EU Commission in 2017, whereas the previous GPP criteria were launched in early 2012. The revised criteria have a modified and expanded scope to include cleaning products and non-fibre items such as zips, buttons and accessories. Another major amendment to the criteria relates to the weight threshold by means of which products classify under GPP requirements. This weight threshold was lowered from 90% to 80%. By doing such, alignment was ensured between the EU Ecolabel and the Textiles Names Directive (EU) 1007/2011. Two sets of criteria which have been revised are tabulated below:

Criteria for the procurement of textile products
1. Cotton fibres
2. Wool fibres
3. Sulphur emissions to air from man-made cellulose fibre
4. Chemical restrictions
a) Declaration for REACH Candidate List substances
b) Substances to be tested for on the final product
5. Durability and lifespan extension
a) Durability standards
b) Availability of parts and accessories
6. Energy conservation during use

a) Fabric selection to minimise energy use for drying and ironing
b) Care labelling
Criteria for the procurement of textile services
1. Laundry
a) Fabric selection to minimise energy use for drying and ironing
2. Maintenance
a) Maintenance of the textile assets