

CCD-101

Verification and Licensing Criteria

Panel Review Process

Product type: cotton swabs

Notice

Throughout this document, any reference to a standard or guideline means to its latest edition.

The Environmental Choice^M Program (ECP) reserves the right to accept equivalent test data for the test methods specified in this document.

Interpretation

1. In this set of requirements, please note the following definitions:

"stick" means the base of a swab made from polypropylene, polystyrene, wood or other fibre composites.

"swab" means a wad of absorbent material wound around one or both ends of a small stick to form a cushion-type head which is usually used for applying medication or removing material from an area.

"tip" means the cushion-type head of a swab which is made from an absorbent material such as cotton or synthetic materials.

"volatile organic compound" means any organic compound which participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions. It excludes those organic compounds which the ECP designates as having negligible photochemical reactivity. VOC content must be determined by appropriate laboratory testing, calculations performed in accordance with ASTM D3960 (*Standard Test Method for Determination of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Content of Paints and Related Coatings*), or submission of relevant material safety data sheets.

General Requirements

2. In order to minimize the solid waste burden, conserve resources, and reduce quantities and impacts of toxic substances and other pollutants associated with packaging, the ECP requires the submission of an attestation of commitment to the objectives of the National Packaging Protocol.
3. To be authorized to carry the EcoLogo^M, the cotton swabs must:
 - (a) meet or exceed all applicable governmental and industrial safety and performance standards; and
 - (b) be manufactured and transported in such a manner that all steps of the process, including the disposal of waste products arising therefrom, will meet the requirements of all applicable governmental acts, by laws and regulations including, for facilities located in Canada, the *Fisheries Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*.

Product Specific Requirements

4. To be authorized to carry the EcoLogo^M, the cotton swabs must:
 - (a) only use sticks made from 100% paper fibre;
 - (b) only use tips made from 100% cotton fibre; and
 - (c) to affix the tip to the stick, use an adhesive resin with a volatile organic compound (VOC) level no greater than 2 g/L.

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Verification

5. To verify a claim that a product meets the criteria listed in this document, the ECP will require access, as is its normal practice, to relevant quality control and production records and the right of access to production facilities on an announced basis.
6. Compliance with requirement 3(b) shall be attested to by a signed statement of the Chief Executive Officer or the equivalent officer of the licensee. The ECP shall be advised in writing immediately by the licensee of any noncompliance which may occur during the term of the license. On the occurrence of any noncompliance, the license may be suspended or terminated as stipulated in the license agreement.

Conditions for EcoLogo Use

7. The EcoLogo may appear on wholesale or retail packaging, or on the product itself, provided that the product meets the requirements in this document.
8. All licensees and authorized users must comply with the ECP's *Guide to Proper Use of the EcoLogo^M* regarding the format and usage of the EcoLogo.

9. Any accompanying advertising must conform with the relevant requirements stipulated in this guideline, the license agreement and the ECP's *Guide to Proper Use of the EcoLogo^M*.

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