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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 Eco-labelling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, the EU Ecolabel may be awarded to services 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 according to product groups.
- (3) The criteria, as well as the related assessment and verification requirements should be valid for five years from the date of adoption of this Decision, taking into account the innovation cycle for this product group.
- (4) These criteria aim at promoting the use of cleaning products, accessories and machines that are less harmful to the environment, the training of staff in environmental matters, and the bases of an environmental management system.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010,

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 as well as private residences. Areas where cleaning services are performed may include, but are not limited to, office areas, sanitary facilities, such as toilets and sinks, and publically accessible hospital areas, such as, corridors, waiting and break rooms.

It shall comprise glass cleaning when it is performed on indoor or outdoor glass that can be accessed without the use of any specialised equipment or machines.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel (OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1).

This product group shall not comprise disinfection activities or cleaning activities taking place on production sites.

In the framework of this Decision, 'routine' refers to regular activities that are performed at least once a month, with the exception of glass cleaning, where 'routine' refers to regular activities that may be performed less frequently (at least once every three months)

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Article 2

For the purpose of this Decision a company providing a professional cleaning service that falls within the definition for the product group "indoor cleaning services", as part of its business portfolio, can apply for this service to be awarded the EU Ecolabel.

Any other cleaning services provided by the company that fall outside of the scope shall not be covered under the EU Ecolabel license.

The service awarded the EU Ecolabel shall have separate accounting in order to facilitate verification of compliance with the criteria.

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 defined in Article 1 of this Decision and shall comply with the criteria as well as the related assessment and verification requirements set out in the Annex.
- (2) In order to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, for a service falling within the product group 'indoor cleaning services', a cleaning service shall fulfil all of the following requirements:
 - (a) it shall fall within the product group "indoor cleaning services"
 - (b) it shall comply with the mandatory criteria set as well as the related assessment and verification requirements;
 - (c) it shall comply with a sufficient number of the optional criteria set in order to score at least 16 points.

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 adoption of this Decision.

Article 5

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

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission