



Applicant's Checklist for the EU Ecolabel for Absorbent Hygiene Products

This checklist summarises the documentation to be provided for each criterion. This checklist must be completed by the applicant. The listed documents should be submitted to the Competent Body.

	Included	Does not apply
Application Form AHP (Excel file)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 1: Fluff pulp		
1.1 Sourcing of fluff pulp		
Declaration of compliance from the applicant (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance and valid, independently-certified chain of custody certificate(s) from all the supplier(s) of the pulp(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audited accounting documents demonstrating the percentage of the SFM-certified wood raw materials used for the production of the fluff pulp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof that the remaining proportion of wood raw materials is below 30 % and that it is controlled wood covered by a verification system that ensures that it is legally sourced and meets any other requirement of the certification scheme with respect to uncertified material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the SFM certification it's not FSC nor PEFC, evidence that virgin material is sourced from non-GMO species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the fluff pulp is used in air-laid, invoices supporting the number of credits allocated to the air-laid delivered to the product.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Bleaching of fluff pulp		
<u>For ECF-bleached pulp:</u>		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A test report including the results of the measurement and any detailed calculation needed for showing compliance with the sub-criterion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant supporting documentation related to the measurement of the AOX, indicating at least the measurement frequency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>For TCF-bleached pulp:</u>		



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Declaration of compliance from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Emissions from fluff pulp production to water (chemical oxygen demand (COD) and phosphorous (P)), and to air (sulphur compounds (S) and NOx)		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed calculations and test data showing compliance with this sub-criterion. An excel tab is available in the electronic Application Form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting documentation, including test reports. Test reports must indicate the measurement frequency and the calculation of the P_{COD} , P_P , P_S and P_{NOx} .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Emissions of CO₂ from production		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data and detailed calculations on the CO ₂ emissions showing compliance with this requirement, together with related supporting documentation. An excel tab is available in the electronic Application Form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If renewable energy is used, documentation that renewable energy is actually used at the mill or that it has been externally purchased (e.g. copy of an energy contract).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a different reference value for electricity used instead of the one reported in Table 3, documentation that include technical specifications that indicate the average value for the electricity used (e.g. copy of a contract).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5 Energy consumption for fluff pulp production		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data and detailed calculations on the electricity and fuel consumption showing compliance with this requirement, together with related supporting documentation. An excel tab is available in the electronic Application Form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 2: Man-made cellulose fibres (MMCF)		
2.1 Sourcing of man-made cellulose fibres		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance of MMCF <u>except</u> cotton linters (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Declaration of compliance of MMCF from cotton linters (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valid, independently-certified chain of custody certificate from the supplier(s) of the dissolving pulp(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audited accounting documents demonstrating the percentage ($\geq 70\%$) of the SFM-certified raw materials used for the production of the dissolving pulp(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof that the remaining proportion of raw materials is below 30% and that it is controlled material covered by a verification system that ensures that it is legally sourced and meets any other requirement of the certification scheme with respect to uncertified material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the SFM certification it's not FSC nor PEFC, evidence that virgin material is sourced from non-GMO species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the dissolving pulp is used in air-laid, invoices supporting the number of credits allocated to the air-laid delivered to the product.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Bleaching of man-made cellulose fibres		
<u>For ECF-bleached pulp:</u>		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance with the sub-criterion (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A test report including the results of the measurement of AOX and OCI and any detailed calculation needed for showing compliance with this sub-criterion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant supporting documentation related to the measurement of the AOX, indicating at least the measurement frequency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance signed by the pulp manufacturer, in accordance with the exposed AOX requirement, shall be provided (only if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant supporting documentation related to the measurement of the OCI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration that elemental chlorine (Cl ₂) gas was not used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>For TCF-bleached pulp:</u>		
Declaration that ECF bleaching is not used for bleaching the dissolving pulp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Production of man-made cellulose fibres		
	Included	Does not apply



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Declaration of compliance with this sub-criterion (template).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting documentation and evidence that the required proportion of dissolving pulp suppliers has the appropriate energy generating equipment or co-product recovery and manufacturing systems installed at the related production sites.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
List of dissolving pulp suppliers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed calculations, test reports and supporting documentation showing compliance with emission restrictions in this sub-criterion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 3: Cotton and other natural cellulosic seed fibres		
3.1 Sourcing and traceability		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance with the sub-criterion from the applicant (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance with the sub-criterion from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certification of the sourcing of cotton/other natural cellulosic seed fibres for each country of origin of the material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information and documentation (e.g. transaction records or invoices) on the total amount of cotton/other natural cellulosic seed fibres purchased to manufacture the final product and according to each product line, on an annual basis, including the total weight of certified bales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Bleaching		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance with the sub-criterion from the applicant (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance with the sub-criterion from the supplier(s) (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 4: Production of synthetic polymers and plastic materials		
	Included	Does not apply
Declaration of compliance with the criterion from the suppliers of synthetic polymers and plastic materials used in the final product and/or the packaging (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report describing in detail the procedures adopted by the suppliers in order to fulfil the requirements for each of the sites concerned in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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accordance with standards, such as ISO 14001 and/ or ISO 50001 for water, waste and energy plans		
If waste management is outsourced, the sub-contractor shall provide a declaration of compliance with this criterion as well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 5: Biobased plastic materials		
Declaration of compliance to demonstrate the superior environmental profile of the biobased plastic raw materials used in the product, separate components, and/or packaging (template available) using an independently third-party certification that refers to the methodology currently available.	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance supported by a valid, independently certified chain of custody certificate for the suppliers of all biobased plastics raw materials used in the product, separate components and/or packaging (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High resolution photograph of the sales packaging, where information regarding the biobased plastic claim appears clearly (if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information and documentation on how the biobased carbon content of the synthetic polymers and plastic materials present in the product, separate component, and/or packaging was determined (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance with the criterion 4 from the suppliers of biobased plastic materials used in the final product and/or the packaging (template available).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report describing in detail the procedures adopted by the suppliers in order to fulfil the requirements for criterion 4 for each of the sites concerned in accordance with standards, such as ISO 14001 and/ or ISO 50001 for water, waste and energy plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If waste management is outsourced in the production of biobased plastic materials, the sub-contractor shall provide a declaration of compliance with this criterion as well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 6: Material efficiency in the manufacturing of the final product		
Declaration of compliance with the criterion (template available).	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Criterion 7: Excluded and restricted substances		
7.1 Restrictions on substances classified under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available), including a list of the restricted substances and mixtures used in the chemical product(s), as well as their concentration (an excel tab is also available as part of the electronic Application Form)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For substances that have a harmonised classification or are self-classified: Safety Data Sheets of the substances. If not available, then information shall be provided relevant to the substance's hazard classification in accordance with Annex II to Regulation 1907/2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For mixtures: safety data sheets. If not available, calculation of the mixture classification shall be provided according to the rules under Regulation (1272/2008 together with information relevant to the mixtures hazard classification in accordance with Annex II to Regulation 1907/2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In case of deviation from a retention factor of 100% for a substance, a written justification for it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.2 Substances listed in accordance with Article 59 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available), including a list of the known SVHC impurities used in the chemical product(s), as well as their concentration (an excel tab is also available as part of the electronic Application Form)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety Data Sheets or chemical supplier declarations of all SVHC impurities occurring in the chemical product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In case of deviation from a retention factor of 100% for a substance, a written justification for it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3 Other specific restrictions		
7.3.1 Specified excluded substances		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.2 Fragrances		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.3 Lotions		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.4 Inks and dyes		
Declaration of compliance from the applicant (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documentation showing that impurities in the dyeing colorant or ink comply with the Council of Europe's Resolution AP (89) 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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If the dyes are used on plastic materials, documentation showing that the used dyes are authorised according to BfR's recommendations IX. Colorants for Plastics and other Polymers Used in Commodities or Swiss Ordinance 817.023.21 Annex 2 and 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the dyes are used on cellulosic materials, documentation showing that the used dyes are authorised according to BfR's recommendation XXXVI. Paper and board for food contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.5 Further restrictions applying to adhesives		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety data sheets (SDS) of any substance/mixture in the adhesive and information on their concentration in the adhesive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test results for the content of formaldehyde	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.6 Super absorbent polymers (SAP)		
Declaration of compliance from the supplier (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety data sheets (SDS) of substances/mixtures in the SAP and information on their concentration in the SAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SDS or test results specifying the presence and concentration of the residual monomers contained in the SAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.7 Silicone		
Declaration of compliance from the manufacturer of the release liner (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety data sheets (SDS) of the substances constituting the silicone mixture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3.8 Other chemicals of concern		
Declaration of compliance from the applicant (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test report containing the results of the analyses performed on the final product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 8: Packaging		
Declaration of compliance for recycled content and recyclability (template available)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audited accounting documents demonstrating the percentage (100% minus recycled content percentage) of the cardboard and/or paper used for the sales and grouped packaging is defined as certified material according to valid FSC, PEFC or equivalent schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Related supporting documentation regarding standard methods used for recycled content and recyclability compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invoices demonstrating the purchase of the recycled material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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High resolution photograph of the sales packaging (clearly visible information regarding recycled content and recyclability of the sales and grouped packaging)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 9: Guidance on the use and on the disposal of the product and of the packaging		
Declaration of compliance with the criterion (template available)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High resolution photograph of the instructions for use of the product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High resolution photograph of the sales packaging (clearly visible information regarding disposal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 10: Fitness for use and quality of the product		
Declaration of compliance with in-use tests (template available)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of compliance with technical tests (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test report for in-use tests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test report for technical tests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 11: Corporate Social Responsibility with regard to labour aspects		
Declaration of compliance with the criterion (template available)	Included	Does not apply
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copies of the most recent version of the code of conduct for each final product assembly plant for the model(s) to be ecolabelled (consistent with the provisions specified above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copies of the supporting audit reports for each final product assembly plant for the model(s) to be ecolabelled (adding a web link to where online publication of the results and findings can be found)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valid certifications from third-party schemes or inspection processes of audit compliance for each final product assembly plant for the model(s) to be ecolabelled (consistent with the provisions specified above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criterion 12: Information appearing on the EU Ecolabel		



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	Included	Does not apply
 Declaration of compliance with the criterion (template available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 High resolution photograph of the product sales packaging that clearly shows the EU Ecolabel logo, the registration/license number and, where relevant, the statements that can be displayed together with the logo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>