

Packaging Materials/Structure Grade Display Standards

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Article 1(Purpose) The purpose of this to notice to define matters required for those liable to produce recycled materials (hereinafter referred to as "producer liable to recycle wastes") to display the result of assessment on packaging materials and structure in accordance with Article 9-3 of Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources (the "Act"), and Article 3-4 and 16-1 of Enforcement Regulation of the same Act (the "Regulation").

Article 2(Scope) The scope of application includes packaging materials required for mandatory recycling of items listed in Article 18-1 to 18-3 of Enforcement Decree of Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources ("Decree").

Article 3 (Design of mark indicating assessment result) The design indicating the result of assessment on packaging materials and structure (the "result") in accordance with Article 3-3-3 or 3-3-5 of the Regulation is explained in the attachment.

Article 4 (Standards and methods for the display of assessment result) A producer liable to recycle waste shall indicate the result of assessment complying with the following standards and methods:

1. Mark the recycling grade as ""Excellent", "Good", "Fair", "Poor", according the result of assessment.
2. The result shall be displayed by printing, imprinting, or affixing labels on the surface of products and packaging materials.
3. The design color shall be in contrast with the entire tone of products and packaging materials to be marked so that it could be easily discernable. Where the mark is printed in color onto products or packaging materials, the producer liable to recycle waste shall strive to use the same color identical to the one applied to containers for separate collection by item in accordance with Article 6-2 of Instructions on Separate Collection of Recyclable Resources, Etc. (Environment Ministry Instruction).
4. The assessment result shall be displayed at the top or bottom of separate collection mark. If there are no such marks, the result shall be displayed at the top, bottom, left, right of bar code in the front or side of the product or packaging material along with indication of packaging material used.
5. If there are more than two separate collection marks on the product to be assessed, the assessment result shall be displayed to one mark only.
6. The date of manufacture shall be the base date of displaying assessment result.

Article 5(Exceptions on the display of assessment result) Cases that are "defined and announced as a notice by the Environment Minister" specified in Article 3-4-1 of the Regulation

indicate any of the following provisions:

1. Packaging materials with "Excellent", "Good", "Fair" grade in recycling assessment result
2. All items referred to in Article 16-1 of the Decree [food wrap films for packaging in polyvinyl chloride (polyvinylidene chloride) are excluded]
3. Items referred to any of the followings among those classified as "poor recyclability" and difficult to change their materials and structure due to concerns over potential functional failure of a product:
 - A. Paper packs with aluminium foil among those referred to in Article 18-1 of the Decree
 - B. Glass bottles used as a container of fruit wine under Article 4-1-2-e, and whisky under Article 4-1-3-b of Liquor Tax Act among those referred to in Article 18-1 of the Decree
 - C. Packaging materials approved by the Environment Minister not to display their assessment result after review by packaging materials and structure review committee in accordance with Article 4-1 of Packaging Materials and Structure Standards (Environment Ministry Notice)

Article 6(Review cycle) Environment Minister shall review the feasibility of notice in every two years (by December 31 of the second year) starting from January 1, 2020 and take measures deemed necessary for improvement of such notice in accordance with Regulations on the Promulgation and Management of Directive and Regulation (Presidential Directive No. 334).

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Article 1(Enforcement date) This Notice shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation.