

Commission Decision (EU) 2020/1803 of 27 November 2020 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for printed paper, stationery paper, and paper carrier bag products (notified under document C(2020) 8155) (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 1

1 The product group ‘printed paper, stationery paper, and paper carrier bag products’ shall comprise the following products:

- a printed paper products that consist of at least 90 % by weight of paper, paperboard or paper-based substrates, except for books, catalogues, booklets or forms that shall consist of at least 80 % by weight of paper or paperboard or paper-based substrates. Inserts, covers and any printed paper parts of the final product shall be considered to form part of the product except for non-fixed inserts (such as flyers, removable stickers) that are sold or provided with printed paper products. If the EU Ecolabel is intended to be placed on non-fixed inserts, they shall fulfil the requirements of the Annex to this Decision. Fixed inserts to the printed paper product (not intended to be removed) shall fulfil the requirements of the Annex to this Decision;
- b envelopes that consist of at least 90 % by weight of paper, paperboard or paper-based substrates;
- c paper carrier bags, including wrapping paper, that consist of 100 % by weight of paper, paperboard or paper-based substrates;
- d stationery paper products, including filing products, that consist of at least 70 % by weight of paper, paperboard or paper based substrates, except for suspension files and folders with metal fastener to which the threshold does not apply.

2 For products referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 that shall consist of at least 80 % by weight of paper or paperboard or paper-based substrates and for products referred to in point (d) of paragraph 1, the plastic component cannot exceed 10 % by weight, except for ring binders, exercise books, notebooks, diaries, and lever arch files where the plastic weight cannot exceed 13 %.

3 The metal weight cannot exceed 30 g per product, except for suspension files, folders with metal fasteners, ring binders and lever arch files having a filing capacity of up to 225 sheets where it can be up to 75 g and except for lever arch files having a filing capacity of more than 225 sheets, where it can be up to 170 g.

4 The product group ‘printed paper, stationery paper, and paper carrier bag products’ shall not include the following products or materials:

- a packaging and elements adhered to packaging such as labels (with the exception of paper carrier bags and wrapping paper);
- b corrugated board;
- c food contact materials and articles intended to come into contact with food that constitutes the subject matter of article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾;
- d products falling within the product group ‘tissue paper and tissue products’ as defined by Article 2 in Commission Decision (EU) 2019/70⁽²⁾;
- e fragranced printed paper products, fragranced stationery paper products, and fragranced carrier bags;
- f polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

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- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives 80/590/EEC and 89/109/EEC ([OJ L 338, 13.11.2004, p. 4](#)).
- (2) Commission Decision (EU) 2019/70 of 11 January 2019 establishing the EU Ecolabel criteria for graphic paper and the EU Ecolabel criteria for tissue paper and tissue ([OJ L 15, 17.1.2019, p. 27](#))

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