

GPN-GL21 Purchasing Guidelines for

Laundry and Dishwashing Soaps and Detergents

Green Purchasing Network (GPN)

1. Scope

These guidelines cover important environmental and social issues that should be considered when purchasing soaps and detergents for laundry and dishwashing.

2. Guidelines

When purchasing soaps and detergents for laundry and dishwashing, the following articles should be considered and purchase products that have less environmental impacts and are socially responsible.

- (1) Use of environmentally and socially friendly raw materials
- (2) Disclosure of a biodegradation level of the final product and a biodegradation test method
- (3) Availability of information on PRTR substances
- (4) Appropriate substances and appropriate amount for intentionally added preservatives, fragrances and colourings
- (5) Use of environmentally friendly package

3. Information Requirements

- Use of microcapsules

* Products that fall under the category of “cleaning agents for household or furniture” and “bleaching agents for clothing, kitchens or household” in the Household Goods Quality Labeling Law as well as those are subject to the Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (PMD Act) are not included.

* These guidelines are subject to change in accordance with new findings and changes in social conditions.

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