

## **GPN-GL7 Purchasing Guidelines for**

# **Washing Machines**

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### **1. Scope**

These guidelines cover important environmental issues that shall be considered when purchasing household washing machines, including single-tank automatic and double-tank (semi-manual) style products.

### **2. Guidelines**

When purchasing washing machines, the following articles shall be considered for purchasing products with as little environmental burden as possible:

- (1) Use a minimal amount of water
- (2) Equipped with an automatic water supply system that draws water from used bathtub water
- (3) Minimal power consumption during operation
- (4) The manufacturer provides full maintenance service in order to make long-term use feasible
- (5) Designed to facilitate disassembling and recycling of component parts
- (6) Made of recycled plastics as much as possible
- (7) Does not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium compounds, or specific bromine-based flame-retardants (PBB, PBDE), to the utmost extent possible

### **3. Information Requirements**

- Use of bio-plastic (main body of product)

\*These guidelines (I, II and III) are subject to change in accordance with new findings and changes in social conditions.

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