

Environmental Requirements Cleaning Products and Services

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Environmental Requirements for Service – Cleaning Products and Services

For each product group, a number of absolute requirements and a number of recommended requirements have been set up

The absolute requirements are mandatory and are part of the contract terms and conditions. The supplier must be able to provide documentation to demonstrate compliance to these requirements upon request. These requirements apply to contracted suppliers as well as any sub-contractors. Danske Bank may conduct reviews on suppliers to ensure requirements are continuously met

Some of the absolute requirements are statutory EU requirements; however, they are specified in this requirement as they are areas where issues with compliance are often identified. Note that certifications and labels (e.g., EU Ecolabel, Nordic Swan Ecolabel) are continuously updated and made more ambitious, therefore it is important to ensure the products are continuously aligned with the latest version of the certificate standards

Meeting the recommended requirements shall have a positive weighting when comparing competing products

Category – Cleaning products

Absolute requirements

- Cleaning products must have the EU Ecolabel or the Nordic Swan Ecolabel or the equivalent

Recommended requirements

- The following requirements refer to the prioritization of certain materials
 - Reusable alternatives are prioritized over single use where possible, e.g., cleaning cloths and refillable containers/packaging
 - Fabrics of high quality will be prioritized (indicating that no micro plastics are let out during washes)
 - Use of natural cleaning products instead of chemical options, e.g., ozone water

Category – Cleaning services and equipment

Absolute requirements

- **'Alternative to ECO Label due to new possible legislation coming into effect'** Newly purchased equipment must be aligned with Eco-design requirements based on the Sustainability and circularity aspects listed in the Circular Economy Action Plan.¹ This requirement is valid from date of EU implementation (20xx)
- Newly purchased equipment must be energy efficient, meaning that they should hold a recognized eco-label or high-energy efficiency rating, e.g., minimum second highest energy efficiency class in the EU energy label system
- Suppliers must use the products most effectively and make sure that they reuse the same product until it lasts
- Suppliers make sure that the garbage is disposed selectively (plastic, chemical etc.) and according to the relevant regulations

Category – Sanitary products

Absolute requirements

- Sanitary paper must be labelled with an official eco-label (EU Ecolabel or Nordic Ecolabel)
- Soap must be labelled with an official eco-label (EU Ecolabel or Nordic Ecolabel)
- Hand sanitizers must not contain the following chemicals
 - Synthetic fragrance
 - Parabens
 - Triclosan

¹ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a framework for setting Ecodesign requirements for sustainable products and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC