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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: AGA-2008 & ACS-2009

Agar Cleaning Systems Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 17-2007 – Cleaning Products

Conformance Declaration Dates:
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The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration (www.geca.org.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards (www.eassurance.com.au). The organisation is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines in summary form key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

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This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

These Agar Cleaning Systems Pty Ltd products have been assessed against the GECA 17-2007 – Cleaning Products Standard and have been awarded with the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Agar Cleaning Systems has been manufacturing cleaning products since 1968. Agar Cleaning Systems is established in all states across Australia with their head office located in Melbourne. Agar Cleaning Systems manufactures a wide range of cleaning products including carpet cleaning, hard floor cleaning, food cleaning, laundry cleaning and others.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Agar products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Spruce Detergent	Water-based multipurpose cleaner.
CITRA-MIST	Spray and wipe cleaner.
FRESCO	Toilet and washroom cleaner.
pH-7	Neutral floor and general purpose cleaner.
SEQUAL	Toilet and urinal cleaner.

Spruce Detergent

Spruce is a water-based all-purpose cleaner for floors and other washable hard surfaces.



CITRA-MIST

CITRA-MIST is a spray and wipe cleaner which dissolves and removes soilage from hard surfaces.



pH-7

pH-7 is a concentrated multi-purpose detergent which cleans all types of hard surfaces. Recommended for use on alkaline sensitive floors.



Sequal

SEQUAL is a powerful cleaner for toilets and urinals. It is a thickened product that clings to vertical surfaces.



Fresco

FRESCO is an all in one washroom cleaner for showers, toilets and ceramic tiles.



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3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Agar product was assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.



Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fit for Purpose	Agar's quality management systems have been ISO 9001:2000 certified and in addition they conduct quality control laboratory testing.
Chemical Requirements	GECS has reviewed the material safety data sheet for each ingredient in these nominated products to establish that these cleaners meet the requirements of this criterion.
Prohibited Substances	GECS has confirmed that these products do not contain any prohibited or restricted substances as listed in the cleaning products standard.
Surfactants and Enzymes	The surfactants used in these products are aerobically and anaerobically biodegradable and no enzymes were found to be present.
Solvents	The volatile organic content of these products when diluted is well below the allowable limits as stated in the requirements of this criterion.
Fragrances and Colours	Some of these products contain colours and it has been verified that these are on the list of colouring agents allowed for use in cosmetic products in Annex IV of the European Union Commission Directive.
Phosphorus Related Claims	GECS confirms that no phosphates or phosphorous containing compounds are present in these products.
Recyclability	These products are sold individually in recyclable plastic containers which are marked with the appropriate resin identification codes. Bulk purchases are sold in cardboard boxes which are also recyclable.
Product Information	These Agar Cleaning Systems products have labels which clearly states instructions for use, disposal and directions for technical data access.
Compliance to Environmental Regulations	Agar adheres to the relevant environmental legislation. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to Environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Compliance to labour anti discrimination and safety regulations	Agar is compliant with the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to labour, anti-discrimination or safety regulations in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for
assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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