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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: SMI-2008

Sunshine Makers Inc

Standard:
GECA 17-2007 – Cleaning Products

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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.eassurance.com.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). GECS 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 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.

DISCLAIMER:

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

This range of products manufactured by Sunshine Makers Inc has been assessed against the GECA 17-2007 standard – Cleaning Products. These products have successfully gained official registration as certified 'Good Environmental Choice' products under the Australian Ecolabel program.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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The Simple Green® story began in the 1970s when Bruce FaBrizio and his father developed a safer alternative to toxic cleaners. Sunshine Makers Inc. has its headquarters in Huntington Beach, California, with satellite offices all over the world. Simple Green is manufactured in California, Georgia, Australia and Switzerland. Additional distribution centers are located in Hawaii and France. Satellite sales offices are located across the United States. The Simple Green family of products has expanded to encompass consumer and industrial product lines.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Sunshine Makers Inc products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Simple Green Clean Building Glass Cleaning Concentrate	Glass and reflective surface cleaner.
Simple Green Clean Building Carpet Cleaning Concentrate	Pre-spray and extraction cleaning of carpets and rugs.

Simple Green Clean Building Glass Cleaning Concentrate

Specifically for industrial and institutional use. There are no added fragrances or volatile organic compounds that can adversely impact indoor air quality.



Simple Green Clean Building Carpet Cleaning Concentrate

Formulated especially for cleaning carpets and rugs, specifically for industrial and institutional use. There are no added fragrances or volatile organic compounds that can adversely impact indoor air quality.



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Sunshine Makers Inc. products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fit for Purpose	These nominated Sunshine Makers Inc. products are certified by the USA Green Seal program. This certification coupled with demonstrated market acceptance indicates that these products are fit for purpose.
Chemical Requirements	These products are in compliance to the requirements of this criterion and do not contain exceeding levels of any of the restricted substances.
Surfactants and Enzymes	An analysis of the surfactants contained in these products showed that they are readily biodegradable and anaerobically degradable. No enzymes are contained in these products.
Solvents	An analysis of these products showed that the only solvent contained in these products is water.
Fragrances and Colours	GECS has confirmed that there are no fragrances contained in these products and that the contained colours are included on the "List of Colouring Agents Allowed for use in Cosmetic Products" in Annex IV of the European Union Commission Directive.
Phosphorus Related Claims	The nominated products do not contain any phosphorous or any of its compounds established during review of these products.
Other Claims	GECS review of these products established that no hazardous components as listed in 29 CFR 1900.1000 or other pertinent OSHA regulations are used.
Packaging and Labelling	These products are packaged in cardboard and plastic that is not halogenated or chlorinated. This packaging is recyclable in mainstream resource recovery facilities. The product labels adequately provide instructions for proper use, storage and disposal for recycling.
Compliance to Environmental Regulations	Sunshine Makers Inc. adheres to the relevant environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted for violations to environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Compliance to Labour, Anti-Discrimination, and Safety Regulations	Sunshine Makers Inc. is in compliance 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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The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available from www.envassurance.com and www.geca.org.au.