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Standard: GECA 02-2007 – Recycled plastics products

Initial Verification Conformance

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Italplast Pty Ltd

Good Environmental Choice -
Australia

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION



The verification performed by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd show that nominated Italplast Pty Ltd products are environmentally preferable in their designated market and meet the requirements of the GECA 02-2007 – Recycled Plastic Products Standard. The below product range is recommended for compliance to the GECA label.

1. Description of Company and Products

Company: Italplast Pty Ltd

Products: **I 30 GR Desk Tidy**
I 60 GR Document Tray
I 70 GR Drawer Tidy
I 80 GR Litre Bin
I 307 GR 32 Litre Storage Box
I 160 GR Magazine Stand

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Italplast Pty Ltd is a 100% Australian owned family operated business. The business has extensive expertise in product design, toolmaking and plastic injection moulding.

Since the introduction of Italplast in 1995, the company has developed a range of coordinated desk accessory stationery products. Many of the products in the Italplast range have been designed, tooled and moulded by Italplast in house.

The company is committed to the basic business principles of enhanced customer service and satisfaction, supplying quality products, on time and at competitive market prices.

Italplast is a quality endorsed company to the International Quality Standard ISO 9000. The company's website details all the information you require to make ordering and selling of our product range to your customer base easy and simple.

2. Description of the Verification.

The Good Environmental Choice Label is the national product life cycle independent environmental declaration in Australia (www.geca.org.au). The organisation is an independent non-profit environmental research and certification organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network. Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) Ltd. manages the Good Environmental Choice – Mark of Conformity in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Ecolabel Program the Italplast Pty Ltd range of products has been awarded the "Good Environmental Choice" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance. The verification procedure is managed via a Documented Quality Management System and Certification Program Manual which have made significant use of the ISO 14 000 series.

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.



3. The Products

The following Italplast Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Good Environmental Choice Declaration:

PRODUCT	PRODUCT INFORMATION
I 30 GR Desk Tidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strong and versatile ▪ Designed for extra storage ▪ Comes with six storage tubes and two special pen holders to keep your stationery organised
I 60 GR Document Tray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi Fit tray which interlocks with most other trays on the market ▪ Deep tray provides more volume for paper and documents ▪ Solid base with ribbing for extra strength and flexibility ▪ Stack straight or staggered ▪ Dimensions (mm): 354(L) x 263(W) x 80(H)
I 70 GR Drawer Tidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Versatile - place onto a desk or inside a drawer ▪ Fits inside most traditional desk drawers ▪ 8 compartments to keep your stationery organised ▪ Dimensions (mm): 370(L) x 220(W) x 22(H)
I 80 GR 15 Tidy Bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strong and durable ▪ Ideal size for use at office ▪ Dimensions (mm): 280(L) x 248(W) x 290(H)
I 307 GR 32L Storage Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transparent clear snap lock lid for protection of files and easy viewing ▪ 4 Fashionable Colours ▪ Handles for easy carrying ▪ Strong and durable plastic construction ▪ Dimensions (mm): 450(L) x 360(W) x 250(H)
I 160 GR Magazine Stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Front and rear labels for easy identification ▪ Dimensions (mm): 245 (L) x 85 (W) x 290 (H)



← I 30 Desk Tidy

I 60 Document Tray →



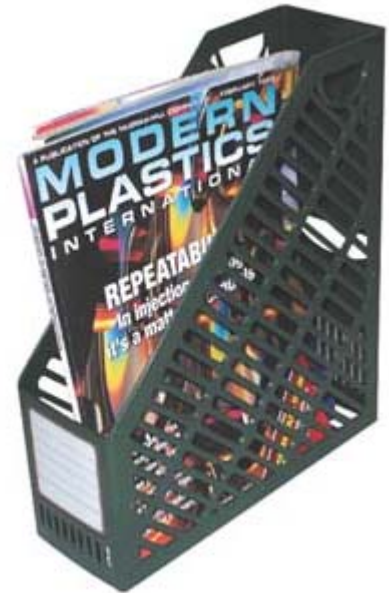
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1 80 Litter Bin →



← 1 307 32 Litre Storage Box

I 160 Magazine Stand →



4. Key Environmental Performance Findings by GECA

The key environmental performance criterion against which the Italplast Pty Ltd products were assessed, and the findings by GECA, is provided below.

Environmental Requirements	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose <i>Certified products should be good performers in their intended application. Certain standards of product performance are implicit in the label.</i>	The nominated products meet the requirements of this criterion.

Recycled Content

The quantity of recycled material must be significant in order to be recognised as being environmentally preferable to virgin materials. There are sometimes limitations to recycled content use due to strength and other requirements.

The Italplast Pty Ltd ranges of product are made from a minimum of 50% post industrial recycled plastics. The product range falls under category 2.1 - 2.5, and after the gathering of evidence related to the intended production material sources and product production specifications was deemed compliant with this criterion.

<p>Recyclability and Product Stewardship</p> <p><i>Certified products must be recyclable at the end of their normal life. For materials that cannot be recycled in mainstream recycling schemes, manufacturers of certified products must have an existing product stewardship offer to the market offering product take-back at end of life for the certified product range. Products that are taken back under such a program shall not be disposed of in landfill or by incineration.</i></p>	<p>The Italplast Pty Ltd ranges of product do not coat or treat their products with any materials which may inhibit standard curbside recycling in Australia. This was demonstrated via factory production inspection and sample product inspection. There is no requirement for a product stewardship arrangement for the nominated product range.</p>
<p>Impregnations or coatings</p> <p><i>The recycled plastic product (or component) must not be impregnated, labelled, coated or otherwise treated in a manner which would prevent post consumer recycling. Exemption may be made for products with a long product life where a coating or treatment would further extend the useful life of the product.</i></p>	<p>The Italplast Pty Ltd ranges of product do not coat or treat their products with any materials which may inhibit standard curbside recycling in Australia. This was demonstrated via factory production inspection and sample product inspection.</p>
<p>Separability</p> <p><i>Non-homogeneous certified products must be easily separable with common tools at the normal end of life to facilitate recycling of individual components.</i></p>	<p>The nominated products are homogenous plastic and are manufactured in a single extruded plastic process.</p>

<p>Environmental Information</p> <p><i>Certified recycled plastic products (or components) must be marked on each individual item with the appropriate plastics resin identification code promulgated by the Plastics and Chemical Industry Association. Exceptions to this criterion may be made for products in Category 2.8 – flexible sheeting.</i></p>	<p>All of the Italplast Pty Ltd ranges of product under assessment are marked with the appropriate plastics resin identification code promulgated by the Plastics and Chemical Industry Association and thus meet this criterion.</p>
<p>Hazardous Substances</p>	<p>Italplast use post industrial recycled polypropylene resin. There is no use of plastics which are generally associated with this criterion.</p>
<p>Overall Loads</p> <p><i>In order to reduce pollutant hazards in the disposal, landfill and/or incineration of end-of-life furniture, the substances listed in the GECA 28 – 2006 Furniture and Fittings Standard must not be used.</i></p>	<p>Italplast use post industrial recycled polypropylene resin. Italplast Pty Ltd manufactures the ranges of product that are under assessment by using recycled plastics that are sourced from Martogg which source their post industrial material from a range of commercial operations in the Melbourne region. The sourcing policy by Martogg confirm a strong preference for clean and uncontaminated sources and this is mixed with clean regrind from their own operations prior to dispatch to Italplast.</p>
<p>Prohibited Substances</p> <p><i>The following compounds, their functional derivatives or in-situ precursors shall not be added to finished products, their component parts or be used at any stage of the manufacturing process, including as preparatory agents, cleaners or degreasers in the production facility.</i></p>	<p>The manufacturing facilities, their warehouse stock and the standard manufacturing process and associated ingredients have been assessed. The manufacturing process does not make use of the above restricted substances and is comprised simply of an extrusion process. No dyes are applied to the typical production process. On occasion a black dye may be added for colour consistency which has been assessed as compliant to this criterion.</p>
<p>Packaging Requirements</p> <p><i>Chlorinated or halogenated plastics must not be used in product packaging. Used packaging shall be able to be recycled by local recycling systems.</i></p>	<p>The product range is package into cardboard boxes readily recycled in Australia.</p>

5. Environmental and Social Regulatory Obligations:

The manufacturing facility is located in a suitable industrial zone. No particular emission permits are subject to this site. GECS has received confirmation by an executive officer of the operation declaring compliance to this criterion. After inspection of the facility and surrounding infrastructure there does not appear to be primary emissions for this site which require specific licensing conditions.

Italplast Pty Ltd have supplied general evidence demonstrating compliance to Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations as outlined in this criterion. Sample wages, insurance cover and standard operating procedures have been sourced and reviewed during the course of the verification. One incident related to a back injury has been investigated and there has not been a breach of the performance attributes stipulated in this criterion.

6. Additional Information

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

Good Environmental Choice Australia recommends these products to 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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