



The EU Ecolabel for Imaging Equipment

"The official European label for Greener Products"

Choose the EU Ecolabel for your Imaging Equipment if you want to show your commitment to a better environment.

Once it's on your products, the EU Ecolabel guarantees

- Efficient paper management
- Efficient energy use
- Minimised use of hazardous substances

The EU Ecolabel shall comprise products which are marketed for office and/or domestic use, and produce printed images in the form of a paper document, photo, or digital image. Furthermore, imaging equipment which produces a digital image from a hard copy through a scanning process is additionally included in this product group's scope.

Meet your customers' demand

Today, consumers are more aware that protecting the environment is fundamental. Four out of five European consumers would like to buy more environmentally friendly products, provided that they are properly certified by an independent organisation.

With the EU Ecolabel on your products, you offer consumers a reliable logo to easily identify the best environmentally friendly products that are available on the European market.

Give your Imaging Equipment a credible sign of environmental excellence... apply for the EU Ecolabel!

◆ For a quick test, use the check list on the back!

For more information...

... on the scheme, its feature, the actors involved, the application process:
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel>

... on the detailed criteria for Imaging Equipment product group:
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel/products-groups-and-criteria.html>



They said it!

"The main environmental impacts of imaging equipment are linked to the use phase. Printers, copiers and multifunctional devices awarded with the EU Ecolabel are designed so that the paper consumption can easily be limited (i.e. automated duplex printing and copying, etc.). Furthermore, they are manufactured to be energy efficient and ensure the capability to use remanufactured toner and/or ink cartridges."

Kathelijne De Ridder, Belgian FPS Health, Food chain safety and Environment

...to market your EU Ecolabelled products use our free E-catalogue: <http://ec.europa.eu/ecat>

Checklist (for a first assessment only)

This is a non-exhaustive list of EU Ecolabel criteria for imaging equipment. Please see the [Commission Decision \(2013/806/EU\)](#) for full details.

Life cycle step	Criterion	Expectations
Manufacturing	Substances and mixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The imaging equipment shall not contain substances meeting criteria for classification with the hazard statements or risk phrases as specified in Table 2 in the full criteria document and the final product shall not be labelled with a hazard statement. Derogated substances/components are presented in Table 3 in the full criteria document. The imaging equipment shall not contain intentionally added mercury or its compounds to light sources used in imaging equipment.
Manufacturing	Ink and toner consumables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remanufactured toner and/or ink cartridges shall be accepted by the imaging equipment. The imaging equipment shall be designed taking reuse of toner and/or ink cartridge into consideration. Devices and practices that prevent the reutilisation of the cartridge shall not be applied. For detailed information on exempted and excluded substances for toners and inks, please refer to the full criteria document.
Manufacturing	Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardboard boxes used for the final packaging shall be made of at least 80 % recycled material. Plastic bags used for the final packaging shall either be made of at least 75 % of recycled material or be biodegradable or compostable.
Use	Paper Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the imaging equipment is managed by the manufacturer's original software, it shall have a standard feature that is capable of printing and/or copying two or more pages of a document on one sheet of paper. The imaging equipment shall be equipped with an automatic double-side print/copy unit and the duplex printing and/or copying function shall be set as default in the original software provided by the manufacturer. When the duplex setting is changed to one-side printing, a message created by the manufacturer highlighting that this setting increases the environmental impact when compared with double-side printing, shall be displayed on the computer screen for the end user. The product shall be capable of processing recycled paper made of 100 % post-consumer paper.
Use	Energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The energy consumption of the product shall fulfil the energy efficiency requirements of Energy Star v.2.0 criteria for imaging equipment. The power consumption shall include a mode of "networked standby" as described in the full criteria document.
Use	Indoor air emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emitted air pollutants shall not be higher than the maximum emission rates as listed in Table 1 in the full criteria document.
Use	Noise emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For monochrome and colour printing, the A-weighted sound power levels shall not exceed the limits stated in the full criteria document.
Use	User Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the environmental relevance of paper consumption, noise, reusability of ink and toner cartridges, and the usability of recycled paper made of 100 % post-consumer paper shall be included in the instruction manual of the product in all the languages of the countries in which the product is marketed, as indicated in the full criteria document. Instructions on how to maximise the environmental performance of the particular imaging equipment and information on the percentage of total recycled and reused content by mass of the product shall be provided in a guide, as specific part of the user manual.
Use	Information appearing on the EU Ecolabel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The optional label with text box shall contain the following text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designed for efficient paper management - High energy efficiency - Minimised use of hazardous substances The use of the optional label with the text box is explained in the "Guidelines for the use of the EU Ecolabel logo".
Use/End-of-life	Warranty, guarantee of repairs and supply of spare parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant shall provide a guarantee (or warranty) for covering repairs or replacement for a minimum of 5 years. Users shall be informed of the guaranteed availability of spare parts and necessary infrastructure for equipment repair shall be available for a period of at least 5 years after the end of a product model's production.
End-of-life	Reuse, Recycling and end-of-life management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professionally trained personnel shall be capable of upgrading older or obsolete parts and separating parts and materials with the help of tools that are usually available to them to eventually recycle or reuse the mentioned parts.

