

## **POLICY FOR USE OF SUSTAINABLE CLEANING & DISINFECTANT/SANITIZING PRODUCTS**

[Sec. 4b-15a](#). Cleaning products in state buildings. On or after October 1, 2007, no person shall use a cleaning product inside a building owned by the state unless such cleaning product meets guidelines or environmental standards set by a national or international environmental certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such cleaning product shall, to the maximum extent possible, minimize the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment. For purposes of this section, "cleaning product" does not include any: (1) Disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer or any other antimicrobial product regulated by the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 136 et seq., or (2) product for which no guideline or environmental standard has been established by any national or international certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, or which is outside the scope of or is otherwise excluded under guidelines or environmental standards established by such national or international certification program.

(P.A. 07-100, S. 1; P.A. 08-186, S. 2.)

History: P.A. 08-186 excluded from term "cleaning product" any product for which no guideline or environmental standard has been established or which is outside the scope of or otherwise excluded under certain guidelines or environmental standards, effective June 12, 2008.

### **PURPOSE:**

In order to comply with "[CGS Sec. 4b-15a](#). Cleaning products in state buildings", only certified Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) cleaning products that are labeled "[Green Seal Certified](#)" or "[EcoLogo](#)" shall be used in state owned and leased facilities. Vendors that are contracted by the state to perform janitorial and custodial services shall also use "[Green Seal Certified](#)" or "[EcoLogo](#)" labeled cleaning products in the execution of their contractual obligations to the state. Categories of cleaning products specifically not included in this requirement are disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners, sanitizers or any other antimicrobial products regulated by the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 136 et seq. or products for which no guideline or environmental standard has been established.

### **POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) currently has contracts with vendors to provide EPP "[Green Seal Certified](#)" or "[EcoLogo](#)" cleaning products as well as disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners, sanitizers and antimicrobial products sanitizers. To access the contract for janitorial and custodial supplies, please visit the DAS website at:

[https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP\\_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=15294](https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=15294) (Green cleaning products)

[https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP\\_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=15294](https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=15294) (Disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners, sanitizers and antimicrobial products sanitizers)

The following steps should be taken when procuring EPP "[Green Seal Certified](#)" or "[EcoLogo](#)" cleaning products as well as disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners, sanitizers and antimicrobial products sanitizers:

1. Items should be purchased for their intended use.
2. Follow all manufacturers' instructions when using these products. Consult the DAS contracted vendors of EPP cleaning products for information and

training on the use of these products. Training is highly recommended when using new EPP products. Although all products that are certified by Green Seal or EcoLogo have met Green Seal's or EcoLogo's environmental standards, not all products are necessarily safe to use in all office environments due to individual sensitivities. Careful review of product Material Safety Data Sheets, usage recommendations, and manufacturer's usage instructions prior to purchase is always recommended. 3. EPP products shall be ordered following standard purchasing procedure for items available on state contract. The Contract Specialist for this commodity is Rob Zalucki He may be contacted by phone at (860) 713-5139 or by e-mail at [robert.zalucki@ct.gov](mailto:robert.zalucki@ct.gov) with any questions concerning these products