**To the**

**Applicant**

**Checklist**

Subject: Application for the award of the environmental label according to DE-UZ 195

for "Printed Matter"

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your application for the award of the Environmental Label can only be processed without delay when the following are submitted to RAL gGmbH:

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| * Product-related informal application on the firm's letter-head paper indicating the federal state being home to applicant’s factory that manufactures the products to be marked with the ecolabel. |
| * Expected sales of the products marked with the Environmental Label during the year of application. This information is required only if, so far, no other Contract on the Use of the Environmental Label according to DE-UZ 195 has been concluded with RAL gGmbH. |

**The following must be submitted by everybody:**

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|  | **Annex 1**: Declarations/compliance verifications from the applicant for the contract. Basis for the award of the "Printed Matter" environmental label (printed form) |
|  | **Technical data sheets** for the added threads, staples, textile components and similar items. |
|  | If crepe paper and backing boards that are not certified with the Blue Angel are used, declarations from two paper suppliers must be submitted annually to **verify** that no alternative products certified with the Blue Angel are available. |
|  | **Annex 2**: Declaration from the applicant about the paper and cardboard used (printed form). |
|  | If magazine or book cover cardboard with a grammage greater than 130 g/m2 is not available on the market, this must be **certified** by at least two paper merchants. Exemption valid until 31/12/2022. |
|  | **Test reports** according to INGEDE Method 11 (T1) and, if necessary, a declaration about the similarity between the printing inks used and the tested printing inks[[1]](#footnote-1) (T2). |
|  | **Test reports** according to INGEDE Method 12, if adhesives are used. |
|  | **Technical data sheets** for the adhesives. |
|  | Current **safety data sheets**. |
|  | **Annex 3**: List of all substances and mixtures used (printed form). |
|  | **Annex 4**: Declaration from the chemical manufacturers/suppliers (printed form). |
|  | **Certificate** that recognised sustainability criteria have been observed in the cultivation of the renewable raw materials and that the renewable raw materials are not sourced from genetically modified plants. |
|  | **Test report** for the use of azo dyes in accordance with Paragraph 3.8.4. |
|  | **Test report** for the requirements placed on PAHs in accordance with Paragraph 3.8.5. |
|  | **Justification** and **test report** for the use of PFAS in printing inks and varnishes in accordance with Paragraph 3.8.6. Exemption valid until 31/12/2022. |
|  | **Annex 6**: Mass balance, purchased quantity and waste solvents and paper (Excel table). |
|  | **Disposal certificates** or notifications from the paper disposal company about the amounts of paper and cardboard disposed of. |
|  | **Documentation** on reducing the volume of waste paper, insofar as the maximum permitted value for the waste has been exceeded. |
|  | **Justification**, if no press container is available. |
|  | **List of energy consumers** and information on the specific **total energy consumption** for a typical print run of the printed product. |

**Additionally for sheet-fed offset and coldset web offset printing processes**

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|  | **Annex 1a**: Declaration from the applicant – **only sheet-fed offset printing, coldset web offset printing and headset web offset printing** (printed form). |
|  | **Annex 5**: Declaration from the printing ink or varnish manufacturer about the ingredients used in the formulations for the printing inks and varnishes (printed form). |

**Additionally for headset web offset printing**

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|  | **Annex 1a:** Declaration from the applicant – **only sheet-fed offset printing, coldset web offset printing and headset web offset printing** (printed form). |
|  | **Annex 5**: Declaration from the printing ink or varnish manufacturer about the ingredients used in the formulations for the printing inks and varnishes (printed form). |
|  | **Measurement report** about the waste gases from the dryer in accordance with Paragraph 3.9.5. |
|  | **Documentation** of the examination of the energy concept for heatset web offset dryers including a catalogue of measures. |

**Additionally for rotogravure printing**

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|  | **Annex 1b**: Declarations from the applicant - **only for rotogravure printing** (printed form). |
|  | **Measurement report** on the emissions in the waste gas in accordance with Paragraph 3.9.6. |
|  | **Test certificate** in accordance with the “COWI II test method for determining toluene emissions from printed matter” in accordance with Paragraph 3.9.6. |
|  | **Measurement report** for the concentration of chromium VI in the wastewater in accordance with Paragraph 3.9.8. |
|  | **Description** of the electroplating and wastewater treatment plants in accordance with Paragraph 3.9.8. |

**Additionally for flexographic printing**

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|  | **Measurement report** on the emissions in the waste gas in accordance with Paragraph 3.9.7. |

1. If printing ink series only differ with respect to the amount of solvent used to set the viscosity, it is possible to cover multiple series with two tests of the series with the lowest and highest proportion of solvent if a declaration from the printing ink manufacturer is submitted. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)