

## **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

# Government Buying Standards for hydraulic fluids and chainsaw lubricant

Version	Date	Notes
November 2015	2.0	Minor amendments to criteria where market availability of better performing
		products and/or standards and labelling have changed.
May 2008	1.0	Introduction of Best Practice specifications and EU Green Public Procurement
		criteria

## **Mandatory level**

Biodegradability	Must pass, or equivalent, the OECD 301B - Ready Biodegradability, CO <sup>2</sup> evolution test (see from page 18)
Ecotoxicity	Must pass or equivalent the OECD 201 - Alga, Growth Inhibition Test.
	Must pass or equivalent the OECD 202 - Daphnia sp. Acute Immobilisation Test and Reproduction Test.
	Must pass or equivalent the OECD 203 - Fish, Acute Toxicity Test.

#### **Best Practice Level**

Biodegradability	The requirements of the latest revisions of the relevant EU Ecolabel criteria shall be met in full by those products which fall within their scope.
	The latest EU Ecolabel criteria for lubricants can be found on the EU's Ecolabel website: <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32011D0381&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32011D0381&amp;from=EN</a>
	<b>Verification:</b> The EU Ecolabel will be accepted as proof of compliance, as will any other appropriate means of proof, such as a technical dossier of the manufacturer or a test report from a recognised body.
Ecotoxicity	The requirements of the latest revisions of the relevant EU Ecolabel criteria shall be met in full by those products which fall within their scope.
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#### **Additional Information**

- CO<sup>2</sup> EVOLUTION TEST: <u>See the CO<sup>2</sup> evolution test on the OECD guideline for testing</u> of chemicals
- GROWTH INHIBITION TEST: <u>See the Growth Inhibition Test on the OECD guideline for testing of chemicals</u>
- REPRODUCTION TEST: <u>See the Reproduction Test on the OECD guideline for testing of chemicals</u>
- ACUTE TOXICITY TEST: <u>See the Acute Toxicity Test on the OECD guideline for testing of chemicals</u>